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OF NORTH AMERICA

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July 12-July 18, 1986

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JOHN McMILLAN
Moderator of Synod—1986

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1986, 7:30 P.M.

The One Hundred Fifty-seventh Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met pursuant to adjournment at Olin Templin Hall, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, on July 12, 1986 at 7:30 p.m.

The retiring moderator, John H. Tweed, called the Court to worship God in the words of Psalm 95. After the singing of Psalm 97-A. J. Paul McCracken, seminary classmate of Mr. Tweed, read portions of God's Word from Isaiah 40 and led in prayer. The moderator preached God's Word on the theme, "Words of Comfort For The People of God." After the singing of Psalm 84-B he constituted the Court in prayer.

The Roll of Synod was made up and is as follows for all the meetings of Synod:

ROLL OF SYNOD 1986

Adams, Greg, Westminster	XXXXXXXXXEXXX
Adjemian, Christian, Deacon Delegate St. Lawrence Presbytery	XXXXXXXXXE
Armstrong, David	
Backensto, Bruce R.	XXX
Basil, Fred, L., Sparta	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Bishop, James, Southside Indianapolis	XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Blackwood, Roy Jr., Second Indianapolis	XXXXXEXXXEXXX
Blackwood, William, Marion	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Boyle, Samuel E.	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Buck, Francis, Los Angeles	XXXXXXXXXXXEE
Burke, David, Quinter	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Carson, David M., Eastvale	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Carson, James D., Los Angeles	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Carson, Norman M., Geneva College	
Caskey, Joseph M.	
Caskey, R. Wylie	
Catloth, Robert, Finance Committee	XXXXEXXXXXXXX
Chamberlain, Douglas, Lisbon	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Chao, Charles, Taiwan	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Charlton, Mark	
Coon, David C., White Lake	XXXXXXXXXXXXE
Coon, Philip L.	
Copeland, E. Clark, Covenant Fellowship	XXXXXXXXXXX
Copeland, Joe, Hays	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Copeland, Robert, Finance Committee	XXXXXXXXXXX
Copeland, Stanley, Armed Service Chaplain	
Cornell, William	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Cretors, Frederick T.,Cov. Fel., Ind.	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Curry, Dale, Winchester	X
Duffield, A. Wayne, New Alexandria	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Duke, John, Finance Committee	XXXXXXXXXX
Edgar, John O.	
Edgar, Kermit S.	
Edgar, William J., Broomall	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Elliott, D. Howard	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Faris, Paul E.	
Felker, Donald	
Filson, Dean, Second Indianapolis	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Finley, Paul W., Walton	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Forest, Edward, Orlando	XXXXXXXXX XX
Franklin, Godfrey	
Fullerton, Robert, First Beaver Falls	X XXXXXXXX XX
Ganz, Richard L., Ottawa	XXXXXXXXEEEEE
Gathright, Danny, Fresno	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Good, Ronald V., Washington	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Graham, Chester, Quinter	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Graham, Ronald, Minneola	EXXXXXXXXXXX
Harrington, Milton, Hetherton	
Harrington, Harold B., Rose Point	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Hemphill, Bruce C., Hays	XXXXXXXXXXXX

Hemphill, E. Raymond	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hemphill, Robert L., Selma	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Henderson, Bruce, Walton	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Henning, Robert A., Winchester	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hindman, J. Edward, Denison	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hindman, Paul J.	
Hindman, Reed, Minneola	
Hoffman, Kenneth, Tusca	XXXXX XXXXXXX
Houston, Thomas, New Covenant Reformed Fel.	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Huizing, Howard, Santa Ana	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hurd, Kenneth, Superior-Beulah	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Huston, Joseph, Topeka	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hutcheson, T. Richard	X XXXXX XXXXX
Hutcheson, Thomas M.	XXXXXXXX
Joseph, Ralph, E., Superior-Beulah	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Joseph, Raymond P.	XXXXXEXXXEXXX
Kepple, Daniel	
Ketterer, Russell, First Beaver Falls	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Kilpatrick, Lester E.	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Kincaid, Garland, Covenant Fellowship, Indianapolis	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
LaMay, Robert L., Topeka	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Lamont, Donald, Deacon Delegate - Pacific Coast	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Leach, Charles, Japan	
Leach, Jonathan, Elkins Park	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Long, David, West Lafayette	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Lowe, Duncan, New Covenant Ref. Fellowship	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Magill, Keith, Southside Indianapolis	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Martin, J. Bruce, Hebron	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Martin, Melville W., Home for the Aged	
Martin, Paul, Phoenix	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Martin, Philip W., Phoenix	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Masunaga, Toshio, Higashisuma	
Mathews, Carl, Lawrence	XX X XXXX
Mathews, R. Paul, Ogamaw	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
McBurney, Donald R., Endwell	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
McBurney, Kenneth, Almonte	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
McCracken, D. Raymond, Coldenham-Newburgh	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
McCracken, J. Paul, Colorado Springs	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
McCracken, Paul D.	
McCracken, Robert, Manchester	XXXXXXXXXXXXX

McCrory, Robert, Sterling	XXXXXXXXXXXX
McDonald, Roy, College Hill	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
McElhinney, Paul, Sharon	XXXXXXXXXXX
McElroy, June	
McFarland, Glenn E., Santa Ana	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, M. L., Ogemaw	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, Robert H., Dir. of Youth Services	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
McMahan, Steven, Finance Committee	XXXXXXXXX
McMillan, John, Endwell	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
McMillan, Robert, Fresno	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
McMillan, Willard, Geneva	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Metcalfe, William, Finance Committee	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Metzger, Harry, Chicago	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Milligan, Ray, Hebron	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Milroy, Jerrold S., Shawnee	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Mitchel, Waldo, Topeka	X XXX
Miwa, Nobuo, Kasumigaoka	
More, Robert Jr.	
Morrow, Robert	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Olson, Dennis, Seattle	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
O'Neill, Jerry, Columbus	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Patterson, David R., Clarinda	XXX
Paul, Joseph, Armed Service Chaplain	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Peachy, David	
Pennington, James C., Greeley	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Phillips, Harlan, Denison	XXXXXX XXXXXX
Pihl, William H.	
Piper, Donald, Seattle	XXXXXX XXXXX
Pockras, Philip, Belle Center	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Price, Thomas A. Jr., Sterling	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Price, George W.	
Rice, Robert	
Reid, Thomas	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Robb, G.M.	
Roberts, William, Bloomington	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Robson, Edward A., Syracuse	XXXXXXXXXXXEE
Rowe, Carter, Syracuse	
Russell, Timothy, Geneva	XXXXXXXXXXX
Sanderson, Kenneth, Allegheny	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Schisler, Ed, Columbus	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Schmidtberger, Robert, Sharon	XXXXXEXXXXXXX
Schutz, Frank, Allegheny	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Shafer, Phillip, Coldenham-Newburgh	XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Siebring, Marcia, Deacon Delegate - Midwest Presbytery	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Simons, William, Elkins Park	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Smith, Alvin W., Sr.	
Smith, Dean R., College Hill	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Smith, Kenneth G., Covenant Fellowship	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Smith, Marshall, Broomall	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Spear, Gene W., Japan	
Spear, Wayne R., Seminary	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Stegall, Ronald H., Lawrence	XXXX XXXXX XX
Sterrett, Charles S., Southfield	
Sterrett, Samuel B., Oakdale	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sterrett, William J., Japan	
Stevenson, Raymond, Southfield	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Stewart, Bruce C., North Hills	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Swartz, Walter, Oswego	XXXXXXXXXXX
Takiura, Shigeru, Keiyaku	
Thompson, Harold,	
Tweed, John H., North Hills	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Tweed, Robert B., Anchorage	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Van Camp, Sidney, Aurora	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Van Osdol, Randall, Washington D.C.	EEEEEEEEEEEEE
Watt, Jonathan, Cambridge	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Weilersbacher, Donald	
Wells, Brent, Deacon Delegate - Ohio-Illinois Presbytery	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
White, John H., Geneva College	
Willson, S. Bruce,	
Wilson, Don A., Covenant Fellowship	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wilson, J. Paul,	
Wilsey, Martin J., Eastvale	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wolcott, Lauren, Marion	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wright, Christopher, Cambridge	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wright, J. Renwick, Seminary	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wright, James M., Orlando	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wright, R. Paul, Shawnee	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Youn, Samuel, Japan	

Elder delegates without certificates were seated. Elders present who are not delegates were granted the privileges of the floor for all the meetings of Synod.

The following persons were introduced as ruling or teaching elder delegates to the Court for the first time: Bruce Henderson, Walton;

Dean Filson, Second Indianapolis; Dennis Olson, Seattle; Harry Metzger, Chicago; Don Wilson, Covenant Fellowship - Pittsburgh; Tom Houston, New Covenant Reformed Fellowship, State College; Donald McBurney, Endwell; Greg Adams, Westminster; Harlan Phillips, Denison; Philip W. Martin, Phoenix.

The following deacons were introduced as delegates to Synod for the first time: Donald Lamont, Pacific Coast Presbytery; Marcia Siebring, Midwest Presbytery; Christian Adjemian, St. Lawrence Presbytery.

The following officers were elected for this meeting of Synod: John McMillan, Moderator; Paul M. Martin, Clerk; Jonathan Leach, Assistant Clerk.

The Memorial Service was held. The death of Pastor Ray Wilcox was noted. A memorial was read by James M. Wright and is printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The deaths of the following ruling elders were noted: Cloyce Beard, Minneola; J. Clyde Dunn, Greeley; James R. Robertson, Sharon; William Swank, Manchester; J. Ralph, Wilson, Sharon; Henry E. McKelvy, North Hills; Robert J. Keys, Winchester; T. Andrew Price, Coldenham-Newburgh; Barry D. Clawson, New Alexandria; Maxey Crawford, Selma.

The deaths of Ruth Faris, wife of Pastor Paul E. Faris and Marian Spear, wife of Pastor Norman Spear were noted.

Robert McCracken led in the memorial prayer.

The Report of the Clerk of Synod was taken up. Item 1 was amended and adopted. Items 2-4 were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SYNOD

The Clerk of the 1985 Synod reports that he has carried out the duties assigned to him by the Synod and responded to a variety of correspondence that has been addressed to him.

The 1985 Minutes of Synod and Yearbook was edited by the Clerk. Mrs. Betty Mazur helped with the proofreading. The printer was Mercury Press in Pittsburgh. I have continued to try to cut the cost of publishing the *Minutes*. The Board of Education and Publication at the direction of the Synod charges $5 per copy, but the cost of publication has been much higher.

Letters were sent to all Boards and Committee Chairmen reminding them that Reports for Synod are to be in the hands of the Clerk by April 15th for inclusion in the *Digest*. The *Docket* for the 1986 Synod has been prepared and is included in the *Digest*. The *Digest* has been reproduced and mailed out by the office of the Board of Education and Publication.

A "Synopsis of Rules of Synod" has been included in the *Digest*. I have included in the *Docket* a page for all reports, though some do not now have a printed report. You may include these when you receive them at Synod. This is to facilitate the organization of the reports. I have tried to set a specific time on the agenda for each report. If you have a report for Synod that has not been assigned a time on the agenda, please let the Clerk know so he can assign a time for it.

The *Docket* for the day may be completed before the time for recess or adjournment. Therefore, to facilitate the completion of business, the Clerk will call for unfinished business that may already be assigned another place on the agenda. Please inform the Clerk if you have a report that is ready and might be handled ahead of the scheduled time.

A standing Committee of Parliamentarians was appointed by the last Synod so there will be no recommendation for their appointment.

Recommendations:

1. That the order of business and hours of meeting stated in the *Docket* be accepted as the agenda for this meeting of Synod.
2. That the precentor for this meeting of Synod be David Coon.
3. That an offering be taken to defray the expenses of Synod Wednesday morning following the reading of the *Minutes*.
4. That the following be referred to the Nominating Committee:
   a. Committee on Time and Place for the 1988 meeting of Synod;
   b. Those to whom letters of remembrance should be sent (*1974 Minutes*, p. 60);
   c. Those to be elected to fill vacancies on Synod's boards and permanent committees.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul M. Martin, Clerk

The Court was adjourned in prayer by the Moderator, John McMillan.

MONDAY, JULY 14, 1986, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment at Olin Templin Hall, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, on July 14, 1986 at 8:30 a.m.

The Court was constituted in prayer by Jonathan Leach.

The Roll was called.

The Court was led in devotions by Jerry Milroy who introduced the theme for the devotions for the week. Following the singing of Psalm 51-D, Bruce Stewart read God's Word from Ephesians 2:1-13 and preached God's Word on the theme, "The Condition of Man." He closed with prayer.

The minutes were read and adopted.

No papers were presented.

The Moderator announced the following committees to report to this meeting of Synod:

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Nominating Committee

Timothy Russell, Chairman
Robert McFarland
Wayne Duffield (2 Yrs.)
Edward Hindman (2 Yrs.)
Donald McBurney
Harry Metzger

Judicial Committee

Robert Hemphill, Chairman
Robert McCracken
Martin Wilsey
Fred Basil
Phillip Shafer
Robert McCrory

Resolution of Thanks

David Carson
Paul Mathews

COMMITTEES TO REVIEW RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES

Allegheny

Robert Tweed
Christopher Wright
Lauren Wolcott

Iowa

Sidney Van Camp
Francis Buck
Don Wilson

Midwest

William Roberts
Bruce Henderson
Kenneth Sanderson

New York

James D. Carson
Joseph Huston
Kenneth Hoffman

Ohio-Illinois

Jonathan Watt
Howard Huizing
Roy McDonald

Pacific Coast

Ralph Joseph
Kenneth McBurney
Thomas Houston

St. Lawrence

William Blackwood
James Wright
James Bishop

Japan Commission

David Burke
Glenn McFarland
Edward Forest

Bruce Stewart presented the Report of the Committee to Rewrite the Form of Church Government. The recommendation was adopted. It was noted that the 1985 Synod adopted by a two-thirds vote the Introduction and Chapters 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 of the *Form of Church Government* and Chapters 25, 26 and 28 of the *Testimony*. Chapter 3 paragraph I of *The Form of Church Government* was taken up, debated and recommitted to the Committee. Chapter 3 paragraph II was taken up and debated.

The Court took a break.

Wayne Spear presented and read the Report of the Geneva College Board of Corporators. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. Item 3 was referred to the Nominating Committee. In fulfillment of item 1 Kenneth Smith addressed the Court. In fulfillment of item 2 Joe McFarland addressed the Court. The Report as a whole was adopted. It and the Report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE

The Board of Corporators is grateful to our Lord for his leading and gracious provision to Geneva College this past year. We acknowledge the capable leadership of President McFarland, the Administration, faculty and staff in the task of educating students from a Christian perspective.

The Board held its regular meeting on July 12, 1986 in Lawrence, Kansas. President McFarland outlined for the corporators some current activities at the College, including a capital funds campaign which is being initiated and revisions being made in the Charter and By-laws. Dr. Kenneth Smith, President of the Board of Trustees also discussed the revisions in the Charter and By-laws and the selection process of Trustees.

The following persons were elected to the Board of Trustees-Class of 1989: Nominated by the Board of Trustees-John Snowberger; Nominated by the Alumni Association-Clarence Farmer, John Sawyer; Representatives of the Reformed Presbyterian Church-Jean Hemphill, Paul Kilpatrick, Joseph Lamont, Jr., Jack McCready, William O. Martin, R. Alan Windham, Joseph Worsham.

Willard Rockwell, III, nominated by the Board of Trustees, was elected to fill a vacancy-Class of 1988.

The following were elected to the Board of Corporators-Class of 1989: nominated by the Board of Corporators-Herbert McCracken, Maribel McKelvy, Wayne Spear, Richard Woods.

The officers of the Board of Corporators are: President, Wayne Spear; Vice President, Robert Baumgartner; Secretary, A. Wayne Duffield; Treasurer, Douglas Carson.

The 1984 annual report incorrectly states that Dr. Robert Brandt was elected as a Trustee to a three year term-Class of 1987. Dr. Brandt was filling the unexpired term of Dorthy Hoenstein which ended in 1985. He was subsequently elected to a new three year term-Class of 1988.

The Board of corporators will meet this Fall to work on revisions in the Charter and By-Laws. The next annual meeting of the Board of Corporators will be held in conjunction with the 1987 meeting of Synod.

Recommendations:

1. That Dr. Kenneth G. Smith be heard on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College and the Report of the Board of Trustees be received.
2. That Dr. Joseph McFarland be heard on behalf of the Geneva College Administration.
3. That Paul Patterson be elected to the Board of Corporators.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Baumgartner, Secretary

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God for His constant guidance and provision that we submit this report for the academic year 1985-86. We shall limit ourselves to certain basic facts with the understanding that Dr. McFarland will personally explain to you some of the challenges that today face Geneva College and other colleges of like commitments.

The student body for the Fall of 1985 consisted of 994 full-time and 199 part-time students for a total of 1193; the second semester enrollment was 955 full-time and 222 part-time students for a total of 1177. Two hundred forty-seven students were graduated at the 1986 Commencement Exercises; 241 received Bachelor's Degrees and six received Associate Degrees.

Dr. James Boelkins has given fresh and effective leadership to the academic area of the College in his first year of service as Academic Vice-President. Geneva currently offers 40 majors.

The evening school schedule was revised in the Fall of 1985; all evening classes are in one time period, 6:30 to 9:20 one evening per week. This gives all evening classes equal time with the same courses taught in day school and eliminates conflicts with late afternoon extra-curricular activities of day school students who also take evening classes.

Trustee scholarship recipients were Michael Altmyer, Riley Page, Thomas Stein and Carol Leslie Varos.

The Catalyst for Growth Campaign conducted last summer was very successful with a total of $215,000 gifts and pledges. The stone on the exterior of Old Main was chemically cleaned. Dedication of the renovated Old Main Chapel took place on October 20, 1985, and it is now a very attractive and much used facility. Northwood Hall was razed as the first step in clearing the buildings from Park Place. The renovation of Ferncliff is nearly completed; the second and third floors will provide faculty office space, and the first floor will house the personal library and mementos of the late Dr. Clarence Edward McCartney.

The firm of Cargill Associates based in Fort Worth, Texas, was engaged to make a pre-campaign survey in considering a capital funds campaign. As a result of their study, the Board voted to proceed with plans for a capital funds campaign, with the understanding that the campaign would be conducted under the auspices of the college's Development Office. At the May 9, 1986 meeting of the Board approval was given to go forward with a Capital Funds Campaign with a base goal of $8,000,000 with a campaign period of three years. Before initiating the full-scale campaign, the Board of Trustees was to be solicited during the month of May with a goal of $600,000; this goal has now been achieved.

The operating budget adopted for the 1985-86 year showed a Total General Fund Revenue of $10,416,300 and Total General Fund Expenditures/Transfer of $10,416,180. Tighter budget controls have been enforced this past year. The salary schedule had been set on a January to January schedule, thus allowing the administration to know the first semester enrollment before making salary commitments. The total gift income for 1985-86 was $1,529,799.99. We take special note of this and ask the Corporators to join us in thanking God for His abundant provision.

Tuition for the 1986-87 school term has been set at $5,110 and Room and Board at $2,650.

We are pleased to report that at the May 9, 1986 meeting of the Board of Trustees a revised draft of the Charter and the By-laws was approved to be submitted to the Board of Corporators. This is a result of considerable self-study on the part of our Board, and we believe the new format can make it a more useful source of information for the entire college community. It outlines clearly the purposes for which the college exists and seeks to clarify the relationship and responsibility of the Board of Corporators, the Board of Trustees and the college Administration. The section relating to the Board of Corporators has been left basically to the Corporators for review. We hope this can be completed soon by the Corporators and the revised Charter filed with the State of Pennsylvania so we are prepared for the Middle States Evaluation Team.

Board officers for 1985-86 have been Kenneth G. Smith, President; Bruce C. Stewart, Vice-President; Jean L. Hemphill, Secretary; Walter J. Helsing, Treasurer. Meetings of the Board were held on October 18, 1985, January 31, 1986, and May 9, 1986. The meeting format, which includes meetings of the standing committees of the Board during the morning session with reports presented to the full Board in the afternoon session, has been continued this year. Devotional messages prepared by members of the Board, arranged by the Religious Affairs Committee, have brought fresh insights on "The Foundational Concepts of Christian Education."

The value of the college property and endowment fund are:

	1984 (Audit of 5/31/84)	1985 (Audit of 5/31/85)
Land	$ 1,528,726	$ 1,528,726
Buildings	35,104,135	36,275,792
Equipment & Furnishings	4,252,697	4,443,783
	$40,885,558	$42,248,301
Market Value of Endowment	6,271,962	8,237,832
Size of Campus	112.208 acres	112.208 acres

The 1986 Commencement Exercises were held in Reeves Stadium on Saturday, May 10, at which time Mr. Wayne Alderson was the speaker. The Baccalaureate service was held on Friday evening, May 9 and Rev. Richard Farmer, Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania brought the message.

At the Commencement exercises the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service was conferred on Mr. Wayne Alderson, Founder and President of the Value of Person Consultants.

The terms of the following trustees expire this year and their successors should be chosen: Representing the Church — Jean Hemphill, Joseph Lamont, Jr., William O. Martin, Robert McCrory, Maribel McKelvy, Alan Windham, Joseph Worsham; representing the Alumni — Clarence Farmer, John Sawyer; Trustee Nominated — John Snowberger.

A vacancy has existed in the "Trustee Nominated" category in the Class of 1988, and this year we are nominating Mr. Willard Rockwell, III, to this class. His recommendation and background have been forwarded.

Kenneth G. Smith has been appointed to represent the College before Synod's Finance Committee. The request to Synod is for $30,000 and half of the income from the Cecil MacLaughlin Trust.

In connection with our report to the Synod we would respectfully request that Dr. Joseph McFarland be granted the opportunity to address the Synod on behalf of Geneva College.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth G. Smith, President
Jean L. Hemphill, Secretary

Dean Smith announced that Dr. Edwin C. Clarke, former President of Geneva College, has had recent cancer surgery and that he is recovering. The following motion was adopted: that the Moderator and Clerk send a telegram to Dr. Edwin C. Clarke expressing the warm greetings and best wishes of the Synod and assure him of our continuing prayer for his complete recovery from his recent surgery.

The Court was led in prayer on behalf of Dr. Clarke by Kenneth Smith.

Louis Hutmire presented the Report of the Stated Clerk. Corrections and additions were made. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

THE REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Your Stated Clerk reports that the membership of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America decreased in 1985. The membership as of December 31, 1985 was 5,145 compared to 5,252 a year ago. This is a decrease of 107 members.

MEMBERSHIP

	12/31/84	12/31/85
Communicant Members	3,893	3,808
Baptized Members	1,359	1,337
Total Members	**5,252**	**5,145**
Increases:		
By Baptism	105	111
By profession of faith	79	89
From other R.P. Congregations	89	85
From other denominations	124	51
Other	16	63
Total Increase	**413**	**399**
Decreases:		
Deaths	46	37
To other R. P. Congregations	85	105
To other denominations	109	157
Final Removal	75	103
Other	88	104
Total Decrease	**403**	**506**
Baptized children making public profession	**37**	**46**

CONGREGATIONS

Congregations	71	71
Mission Stations	4	5
Men under care of presbyteries	12	15
Licensed to preach	5	2
Elders	270	275
Deacons	259	260
Missionaries	9	9
Sabbath School, average attendance	2,799	2,898
Sabbath Worship	3,940	3,948
Young People's Societies members	183	241

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES

Beginning Balances	$ 393,117	$ 476,321
Receipts	3,219,983	3,365,628
Disbursements:		
Pastors' Salaries and Comp.	1,290,208	1,350,214
R.P. Missions and Ministry	248,424	237,572
Other R.P. Works	247,453	251,159
Other	1,378,944	1,367,531
Total Disbursements	**3,165,029**	**3,206,476**
Ending Balance	**$ 447,971**	**$ 635,473**

CONGREGATIONS ORGANIZED

Endwell, New York 03/12/85

CONGREGATIONS DISORGANIZED

New Castle, Pennsylvania 01/05/85

MISSION STATIONS ORGANIZED

Kasuganomichi, Japan 09/09/85

MINISTERS

Presbytery	1984	1985	Pastors	Other Church Work	Retired	Other
Alleghenies	33	31	12	9	7	3
Iowa	3	3	3			
Midwest	34	33	15	2	9	7
New York	6	7	5	2		
Ohio-Illinois	23	25	10	2	3	10
Pacific Coast	9	8	6	1	1	
St. Lawrence	14	12	6	2	1	3
Japan	3	4	4			
Totals	**125**	**123**	**61**	**16**	**21**	**25**

MINISTERS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

Douglas Chamberlain Ridgefield Park 09/27/85

MINISTERS INSTALLED

Ronald Graham	Minneola	02/27/85
John McMillan	Endwell	03/12/85
Robert Hemphill	Selma	03/29/85
Wayne Duffield	New Alexandria	04/16/85
Duncan Lowe	New Cov. Ref. Fel.	05/05/85
Philip Pockras	Belle Center	05/31/85
Robert Schmidtberger	Sharon	08/25/85
Timothy Russell	Geneva	09/18/85

MINISTERS RECEIVED

Samuel Youn	From Korean Bible Mission

MINISTERS RELEASED FROM PASTORAL CHARGES

Philip Pockras	New Castle	01/05/85
Wayne Duffield	Rimersburg	03/31/85
John McMillan	Walton	03/12/85
Bruce Backensto	Colorado Springs	04/01/85
William Cornell	Cambridge	04/05/85
Isaac VerHage	Fresno	06/01/85
Robert Schmidtberger	Hetherton	07/31/85
Timothy Russell	Covenant Fellowship	07/31/85
Paul Copeland	Rochester	09/30/85
Charles Sterrett	Southfield	12/31/85
Mark Charlton	Almonte	06/01/85

MINISTERS REMOVED BY DEATH

Paul D. White	01/08/85

RULING ELDERS REMOVED BY DEATH

Fenton Farley	Geneva	01/27/85
James Robertson	Sharon	04/16/85
Cloyce Beard	Minneola	07/10/85
J. Clyde Dunn	Greeley	07/14/85
J. Ralph Wilson	Sharon	08/14/85
William Swank	Manchester	12/05/85

MINISTERS REMOVED FROM THE ROLL

Isaac VerHage	06/30/85
Lee Bittner, III	07/01/85
Paul Copeland	09/30/85
Joseph Hill	10/03/85

STUDENTS LICENSED

Clifford Glovier	James McMahon

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

Daniel Kiehl	Alleghenies
Gerald Dodds	Alleghenies
Gerald Bowyer	Alleghenies
Timothy McCracken	Alleghenies
Robert Willson	Midwest
Kelly Moore	New York
Brian Randazzo	New York
Donald Cassell	New York
Frederick Basil	Ohio-Illinois
James R. Hughes	St. Lawrence

Donald Millar	St. Lawrence
Iain Speirs	St. Lawrence
Christian Adjemian	St. Lawrence
Andrew Schep	St. Lawrence

ADDENDA

MINISTERS REMOVED BY DEATH

D. Ray Wilcox	01/12/86

MINISTERS RELEASED FROM PASTORAL CHARGES

Jonathan Watt	Manchester	02/05/86
Carter Rowe	Syracuse	03/04/86
William Pihl	Clarinda	04/15/86
J. Paul McCracken	Westminster	03/31/86
Donald Weilersbacher	San Diego	06/30/86
Douglas Chaimberlain	Ridgefield Park	06/01/86

DEATH OF RULING ELDERS

Berry Clawson	New Alexandria	03/29/86
Henry E. McKelvey	North Hills	07/03/86
Maxey Crawford	Selma	06/23/86
T. Andrew Price	Coldenham-Newburg	03/07/86

MINISTERS RECEIVED

William Smith	New York Presbytery	03/07/86

MINISTERS INSTALLED

J. Paul McCracken	Colorado Springs	07/01/86
Jonathan Watt	Cambridge	05/30/86

Signed, Louis D. Hutmire, Stated Clerk

John Duke presented the Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Items 2-5 were referred to the Committee on Finance. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Trustees of Synod

The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America held three regular meetings since the last meeting of Synod. The attendance for these meetings was 100%. The members (in class order) are: 1986 - Sandra Johns, John Mitchell and Jerry O'Neill; 1987 - John Duke, Robert McCrory and Alan Windham; 1988 - Donald Birdsall, Louis Hutmire and Joseph Lamont. The terms of the three members from the Class of 1986 expire at this meeting of Synod. All three members are eligible for another term, so the Trustees request that

they be re-nominated. We also nominate Richard Weir, who, if elected, would give representation from the New York Presbytery.

The Trustees are responsible for investing all funds of the denomination which includes Endowment Funds, Unrestricted Designated Funds, Custodian Funds and Trust Funds. As shown in the Audit Report, the Trustees manage an investment portfolio with a carrying value of $4,020,339 as of December 31, 1985 and a market value of $6,758,959. Paine Webber Jackson & Curtis is retained as our advisor. The Investment Committee authorizes all transactions and reports their activity to the Board at each meeting. In addition to securities, there was $375,000 invested in mortgages, mostly within the denomination. All income, less the Unallocated Denominational Office Expense, is distributed in the year it is received. This is a substantial source of income to those departments which have endowment funds.

The Building Loan Committee continues to administer the funds available to loan to congregations, presbyteries, mission boards, pastors and full-time employees of Synod. This money is available to assist in purchasing, repairing or remodeling church buildings, manses or employees' houses. New loans made in 1985 were to Phoenix R.P. Church, Superior-Beulah R.P. Church and White Lake Camp, for a total amount of $16,001.94. As of December 31, 1985 $312,456 was invested in loans and $131,090 was available for loans. Two applications were in process and other requests were being considered. The Statement of Purpose, Job Description and Policies and Procedures for this Fund are printed in the Appendix of the *1979 Minutes* of Synod, pages 170-173. Applications are available from the Denominational Treasurer's Office.

In 1985 $315,000 was needed in contributions to the Reformed Presbyterian Mission & Ministry Fund (R.P.M. & M.). Only $284,572.32 was received so the deficit balance of $30,427.68 is being requested from Undesignated Funds of Synod. As per the action of the 1985 Synod, $100,000 for the R.P.M. & M. is allocated from Undesignated Funds, so $130,427.68 will be paid to the R.P.M. & M. Fund in 1986 if the above request of $30,427.68 is approved. We must make an effort to pay for the denominational programs without relying on Undesignated Funds which vary from year to year. In 1986 we need to raise $15,000 more than we did last year. We are including a report on contributions to R.P.M. & M. for 1985 in the Treasurer's Report to Synod. This report is compiled from the figures reported to the Stated Clerk and while it may be accurate, it does not explain all situations. For example, a congregation may borrow money for a building program, and the funds go through their congregational account. This increases their reported income, and the percentage of contributions is reduced and the results are distorted. Therefore, the purpose of this report is to supply some information that each congregation can look at, consider their circumstances and decide how they are doing in contributing to R.P.M. & M. Please keep such situations in mind when making com-

parisons with other congregations. The Stewardship Committee will be sending out information publicizing the R.P.M. & M. Fund. Please make an effort within your congregation and presbytery to support the denominational programs.

Attached is a financial report of the Undesignated Funds of Synod. You should be aware that these are the only funds on the denomination's books that are not designated and, according to procedures approved by the 1972 Synod, are presented to Synod each year for distribution.

While contributions to R.P.M. & M. were down in 1985, the Lord blessed us with many bequests. We received $352,879 in bequests in 1985 compared to $159,468 in 1984. $113,657 was designated for various boards and $239,222 was undesignated. Refer to pages 5 and 17 of the Audit Report and to the attached report on Undesignated Funds of Synod for details.

The Trustees recognize that one souce of support that has not been promoted very much is people giving through wills, trusts and other forms of deferred giving. Some of these gifts, if given during a person's lifetime, can be a tax savings to the donor. Anyone who has questions along this line should get in touch with one of the trustees for further information.

The Trustees continue to administer a Blue Cross/Blue Shield hospitalization program. This plan is available to all full-time employees of the denomination which would include employees of congregations. The group policy is with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Western Pennsylvania, but those living throughout the United States may be in the group. However, this may cause some delays in claim processing for those living outside of Pennsylvania. Recently, we investigated two other insurance companies regarding health insurance but, neither was able to offer a similar program for a comparable rate. The Trustees are willing to converse with any company that may be able to offer us a better program.

The Trustees also continue to carry a blanket travel insurance program. This automatically covers anyone travelling on church business from presbytery committees to the meeting of Synod. It also covers those travelling for the R.P. Woman's Association, presbyterials and Synodical. This is accident insuracne and does not pay for illnesses. It covers $2,000 medical and $5,000 for loss of life. If you have questions, contact the Denominational Treasurer's Office.

The Trustees have been in contact with the Board of Education and Publications and the Trustees of the Theological Seminary regarding denominational office facilities. The Trustees of Synod favor having a denominational office facility and would encourage Synod to move in that direction.

We are pleased to see how the Lord has blessed us, and we continue to seek His will as we carry on the responsibilities given to us by the Synod.

Recommendations:

1. We recommend that Sandra Johns, John Mitchell and Jerry O'Neill be re-nominated to the Board and that Richard Weir be the fourth nominee.
2. We recommend that the 1985 Audit Report be accepted as distributed and that it be printed in the *Minutes of Synod*.
3. We recommend that the Proposed 1987 Budget for Unallocated Denominational Office Expense, which includes the salary for the Denominational Treasurer, be approved.
4. We recommend that the 1985 Treasurer's Report be received for information.
5. Regarding the Unrestricted Undesignated Funds of Synod, we recommend that $30,427.68 be used to pay the R.P.M. & M. deficit for 1985 and that $40,000 be granted to the Board of Education and Publications Revolving Fund to pay for materials to be published.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis D. Hutmire, Secretary

Sidney Van Camp presented the Report of the Committee on Paper 85-6 (concerning the Service Chaplain's relation to the Church). Items 1 was adopted by the 1985 Synod. Item 2 was adopted.

The Court took recess in prayer by Dean Smith.

Monday, July 14, 1986, 1:30 p.m.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by Bruce Henderson.

Flowers from the Coldenham-Newburgh Congregation were presented to the Moderator in honor of his election as Moderator.

The Roll was called.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

Donald McCrory, Director of Publications, gave a job description for the office of Director.

Robert LaMay presented the Report of the Committee on Arrangements. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 2 was adopted and assigned to the Clerk for implementation. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

We met as the Committee on Arrangements four times since the last meeting of Synod, once in Topeka and three times in Lawrence, Kansas. We were in correspondence with Roy McDonald but because of the distance we were unable to have him at our meetings. One meeting was held on the campus of Kansas University with officers of the school. All matters concerning the place of lodging, meals, meeting halls and speakers, et cetera, were attended to.

The theme of the 157th Synod devotional messages is "The Sovereign Grace of God." We have contacted representatives of Synod to participate in these morning devotions. Dr. Donald J. McNair is to preach at the Sabbath evening service to which the public is invited.

The proper forms for information and registration were prepared and forwarded to Mr. Louis Hutmire for distribution to all congregations and members on the roll of Synod.

Recommendations:

1. That since the terms of Robert LaMay and Roy McDonald expire at this meeting of Synod, two men be elected to replace them to serve for a period of two years.
2. That a letter of thanks and appreciation for the cooperation and work of the responsible officers of the University be sent to the apporpriate office.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy McDonald
Harold Milligan
Jerrold Milroy
Robert LaMay, Chairman

Timothy Russell presented and read the Report of the Psalter Revision Committee. Item 1 was adopted.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by Keith Magill.

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1986, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment in Olin Templin Hall, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, on Tuesday, July 15, 1986 at 8:30 a.m.

The Court was constituted in prayer by Renwick Wright.

The Roll was noted.

The Court was led in worship by Philip Martin. Following the singing of Psalm 65-A and prayer, Mr. Martin read from Ephesians 1:1-13. Paul Martin preached God's Word on the theme, "Chosen By The Father." He closed in prayer.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The Moderator was presented with an arrangement of flowers from the Endwell congregation in honor of his election as Moderator.

By request of "personal privilege" the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery presented David Armstrong having been forgiven and received by them as a minister of the Gospel on the Roll of Presbytery. The Court rose and received him with hearty applause, and the Moderator extended to him the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the Court.

The following papers were presented to the Court:

Paper 86-1 From the Columbus Congregation through the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery concerning the use of the New Testament names

and titles in the Psalms. The paper was referred to a special committee to report to the 1987 meeting of Synod. This was referred to the Nominating Committee for implementation.

Paper 86-2 from the Sharon Congregation through the Iowa Presbytery concerning the use of investment funds was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper 86-3 From the St. Lawrence Presbytery concerning the Pension Program was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper 86-4 From the Iowa Presbytery concerning the unapproved duplication of Records of Session was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Paper 86-5 From the Iowa Presbytery concerning the right of the local session to bind the local congregation in a manner that may appear to be more restrictive than the subordinate standards was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Bruce Stewart presented the Report of the Committee to Rewrite the Form of Church Government. Chapter 3 paragraph II was taken up, debated and returned to the Committee. Chapter 3 paragraph III was taken up, debated and returned to the Committee. Chapter 5 was taken up and debated.

The Court took recess.

John Duke presented the preliminary report of the Committee on Finance which was discussed and received for information.

Paul Finley presented the Report of the Committee to Review Vow #8. Item 1 was taken up, debated and adopted. Item 2 was taken up. By motion item 2 of the Minority Report was debated before final action on item 2 of the Majority Report. Item 2 of the Majority Report was laid on the table to entertain item 2 of the Minority Report as a substitute for item 2 of the Majority Report.

The Court was recessed in prayer by Robert McMillan.

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1986, 1:30 P.M.

Following the singing of Psalm 93-A, the Court was reconvened in prayer by Ron Graham.

The Roll was noted.

The minutes were read, amended and adopted.

Paper 86-6 from two members of the Court who are also elders of the Coldenham-Newburgh congregation concerning a breach in "religious liberty" was referred to a special committee to report to this meeting of Synod. This was referred to the Nominating Committee for implementation.

Ray McCracken presented and read the Report of the Committee on Pornography. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PORNOGRAPHY

Your committee wishes to thank the LORD and through Him the Synod for this charge and the assignments and blessings which have come with it. Certainly the assignments have not all been pleasant, but they have caused stretching and growth in each of us.

One step of growth came through the Third Annual National Consultation on Pornography. This was a serious, informative, stirring experience. Just as the address against pornography which Dr. Kirk, brought to last year's Synod was a strong and fact-filled message so were the messages he brought to the Consultation. The impact of these messages caused both pain and growth. We, the committee members, simply will not be the same again. Pain was felt in the soul, as we were alerted to the pathetic depths to which our country has fallen. City after city is being polluted, yes, even saturated by the garbage of the evil one. This is indeed a battle against Satan and his servants. Jesus said, "Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks!" Certainly we were impressed with the terrible gravity of the stumbling block of pornography. From every side we were confronted with horror filled facts. At the same time as the Consultation, *Playboy* and *Penthouse* magazines, trying to appear very innocent, carried full page ads in the local paper, some of which were aimed at mocking our meeting.

Dr. Judith Reisman, a principal investigator for a government-funded project, recently completed investigations of *Playboy*, *Penthouse* and *Hustler* magazines, to examine pictorial images of "Children, Crime and Violence in Sexually Explicit Media." These magazines were chosen because of their availability and the fact that they dominate the market at newstands, hotel lobbies, bookstores, et cetera. After examining almost every issue published, these statistics emerged: Of the 6,004 child images identified in photographs, illustrations and cartoons, 1,675 child images were associated with nudity, 1,225 with genital activity, 989 were sexually associated with adults, 592 with force, and 267 with sex with animals or objects. Most children depicted were between six and eleven years of age.

Some people with whom your committee spoke seem to look on these three magazines mentioned as "soft," "easy" porn and nothing to get alarmed about! The fact of the matter is that at least two of the above magazines helped open the door to obscene material, and even gave some "worldly respectability" to pornography. These same magazines then followed with harder stuff, each year showing a downward drift.

Yes, "Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks!"

Your committee believes it is the duty of the church to sound the alarm and arise to the battle. To this end materials were mailed to each congregation within the denomination and some outside the denomination. Letters encouraging sermons and messages dealing with "purity" and "holiness" were mailed.

Your committee chairman helped in organizing a major "Informational

Banquet'' during which we asked Dr. Jerry Kirk to speak. From that happening a concerned citizens group was founded upon Christian principles. It aims at clearing the community of both obscene and pornographic material. The various media have followed both the original planning and the follow-up sessions with great interest. Through this means a voice has been raised for the cause of Christ and its effect is being felt in the community. It would be your committee's hope that you might consider organizing the churches and citizens in your community. It is imperative that Christian people take a stand against this evil. They must be in the forefront of the battle. Unless voices are raised the porn pollution will continue to mushroom unchecked. They are bent on capturing the market of our youths.

Let us praise God for the measure of victory and good success God's people across this country are seeing. During the last couple of months word has reached your committee that the following have joined a growing number of other super chain stores in removing obscene and pornographic materials: People's Drug Stores (810), Southland Corporation of Dallas, Texas (4,500 7-Eleven Stores) and an additional (3,000) franchised stores, Rite Aid Drug Stores (1,300) and now Revco Drug Stores. Other chain stores that had already removed these materials are Albertsons Food Stores, Bartell Drug Stores, Eckerd Drug Stores, Kroger Stores, King Kwik Stores, Shop-N-Go, Skaggs Drug Stores, Super-X Drug Stores, and many others. We praise God for this!!

Let us make it a point to stop in at these places of business and express our thanks for this action and encourage them in taking continued action of this sort.

May God stir you to those issues and matters of His good will.

Recommendations:

1. The Committee be continued one more year.
2. That David Long and the Committee Chairman be sent to the 1986-87 National Coalition Against Pornography.

Signed, In Christ's Service,
Jerry O'Neill
John H. White
D. Ray McCracken

The following special resolution was presented by Edward Robson on behalf of the St. Lawrence Presbytery. It was adopted by Synod.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION ON ABORTION FROM THE ST. LAWRENCE PRESBYTERY

Preface

The following resolution against abortion was approved by the St. Lawrence Presbytery and was ordered sent to the Synod of 1986 for approval and declaration.

The Supreme Court of the United States of America has reaffirmed its position on abortion which was established in the *Roe vs. Wade* decision of 1973. The Supreme Court of the United States of America has rejected the testimony of many Christians and many others concerning the evils of abortion. Therefore, this Resolution from the St. Lawrence Presbytery addresses the issue of abortion again.

The following Resolution is to be sent to the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States of America. It is also recommended to the Pastors of the Synod of 1986 that each man copy this resolution from the *Minutes* of 1986 and mail it to five pastors within his geographical location. The reason this Resolution is sent to Christian pastors is because Christians themselves are confused. Therefore, we should address Christians and particularly Christian pastors concerning the evil of abortion.

The Synod is asked to approve this Resolution, to publish this Resolution in the *Minutes* of 1986 and to send copies of this Resolution to the members of the United States Supreme Court by order of the Reformed Presbyterian Church Synod of 1986.

July 15, 1986

To: The Pastors in the Methodist, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Baptist and Independent Churches of America

Dear Pastor:

At least five members of the Supreme Court of the United States of America are unmoved by appeals for righteousness or justice or mercy because our nation continues to murder the unborn child "legally." The Supreme Court still upholds abortion as "legal" despite the protests of many churches.

Our brilliant jurists on the Supreme Court may allow arguments about when life begins in the womb to justify their stand on abortion, but there is no argument that life ends by dismemberment at the time of abortion. Our brilliant jurists on the Supreme Court may allow arguments about when life begins in the womb to forestall their decisions on abortion, but there is no argument that dead sperm cannot produce a living child. The brilliant jurists of our Supreme Court must allow, then, that somewhere between the living sperm and the aborted child there was life. These limits are not difficult to establish. For political reasons and because of the pressures of non-Biblical thinking, the most brilliant legal minds of our age allow what in Biblical terms is murder of the innocent. Even though churches have protested to our Supreme Court about the evils of abortion in America, the Court has rejected our protest. We can understand the actions of our Supreme Court, even though we vigorously have, and will continue, to disagree with them on the issue of abortion.

We cannot understand, however how pastors of the historic Christian faith can either be silent or concur with the Supreme Court on the issue of abortion. Can it be that pastors have lost sight of God's SUPREME COURT before which all of us must stand to give account for our actions?

Pastor, have you forgotten that Jesus said, "And whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would be better for him if with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast in the sea." Mark 9:42

At least one of the 15 million children "legally aborted" was an elect infant. This murder must be "stumbling" in the highest possible degree. Abortion has legally removed this one infant from confessing faith in Christ, and from human service in the Kingdom of Christ. Pastor, if you support the "legality" of abortion, how will you answer THE Judge of the SUPREME COURT - the Lord Jesus Christ - on this issue.

As noted above, it is not surprising that our brilliant jurists on the Supreme Court support abortions as legal for some reason or other by a margin of at least 5-4. Obviously, the Gospel has little relevance to their thinking. Perhaps what is worse, the Gospel may have no relevance in our thinking. Perhaps the pastors and churches of America have so betrayed the gospel of Jesus Christ as to mislead our jurists theologically.

But, Pastor, you who name the name of Jesus as Lord and Savior, who has misled? Is it not time for you to reconsider what you and your fellowship are saying in the name of Jesus Christ on the issue of abortion? We urge you in the name of Jesus Christ to work for the overthrow of the legal murder of the unborn through abortion.

M.L. McFarland presented the Report of the National Reform Association. The Report was received and is printed in the Appendix to the Minutes. Howard Elliott addressed the Court on behalf of the organization.

Timothy Russell presented the Report of the Psalter Revision Committee. He noted a change in item 2. Items 2-5 were adopted. The Report as a whole was debated, amended, adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE PSALTER REVISION COMMITTEE

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

At the last Synod (1985) you appointed "A Psalter Committee to consider a minor revision of *The Book of Psalms For Singing*."

You further defined that assignment "As encompassing the revision of approximately 25 selections: With respect to selection of musical arrangements; phrasing of the prose; greater fidelity to Scripture; and a stronger binding."

Your committee met once to review our research and to lay plans for this report early in the year. We began our work by sending our own questionnaire to precentors throughout the church for revision, i.e. for dropping some, adding some and changing some.

But in the process of considering "a minor revision" of the Psalter we are now using, your committee has come to the unanimous conclusion that it would be too expensive for Synod and too confusing for the

congregations (which would need to throw out all use of the "old" edition of the Psalter in order to use a "new" revised edition in a particular worship service). We believe a revision of *The Book of Psalms For Singing* would not accomplish what the questionnaires are calling for and are asking Synod to consider three other solutions.

First, that Synod consider authorizing the preparation and publication of a *Supplement To The Book of Psalms For Singing*. Synod now has a 48 page booklet entitled *Sing a New Song*, copyrighted in 1973, which contains 39 exact reproductions from *The Book of Psalms For Singing*. There are at least two older booklets (1959 and earlier) containing "abbreviated selections" from earlier Psalters which are now out of print. But what we are requesting Synod to consider is the preparation and publication of a supplement to *The Book of Psalms For Singing* which would accomplish two things:

1. It would provide a booklet more easily used than the larger bound Psalter "around the campfire" and in other informal settings, "around the table" for family worship and "with the children" of all ages.
2. It would also provide a booklet which should be used along with *The Book of Psalms For Singing* in worship service and be a means for testing "new" tunes and phrasing and for re-introducing and testing "old" tunes from the old blue, green or black books. The kind of supplement we propose would not add choruses or repeats, nor make the kind of changes in wording or phraseology which could be called "paraphrasing." It would be committed to the principle of making the Psalms to be sung more of a translation and less of a paraphrase or interpretation. But the supplement itself would not make any major changes in wording or phraseology. The main effort in any such supplement would be focused on the testing of new tunes and the recalling of old tunes.

Your committee has already identified 10 or more selections which should be dropped, and we know of some selections which could be used to replace them. We believe such a supplement would be an important step toward the eventual publication of a new Psalter 15 or more years in the future.

The second option we propose has to do with the assignment to make a revision that would have "greater fidelity to scripture" and "better phrasing of the prose." We are asking that Synod consider appointing a *Psalm Translation Committee*, if possible to include men appointed by the R.P. Churches in Ireland and Australia:

1. To establish scripturally-based principles for the translation of Psalms to be sung;
2. To commission said committee to make a singable translation of the 150 chapters of the Book of Psalms, based on the consistent application of those principles, aiming to complete 15 Psalms per year over a period not to exceed 10 years;

3. To prepare this "singable translation" in conjunction with a broad representation of musical settings from various nations and cultures of the world so as to achieve a presentation of the Psalms that takes a major step toward being culturally international and universal.

There are at least five reasons for Synod's considering this action

1. Our research to date shows that no one has defined the principles of exegesis and hermeneutics involved in translating the Hebrew poetry of the Psalms into singable English poetry. What poetic or musical license has God permitted here and what are the results when such principles are consistently applied to making a singable translation of the 150 Psalms?
2. There are now available, by God's grace, excellent Hebrew scholars in the R.P. Churches in Ireland, Australia and North America, and this work of translation could be an excellent means of drawing us closer to our covenant brothers all over the world; to reproduce an English language version of the Psalter which would have international input and support.
3. Our own Psalter revisions (green, blue, red) for over 100 years tended to devote more attention to the music and the English phrasing than to the translation of the Psalms.
4. To make such a translation would be a way of glorifying God more accurately and enjoying Him more precisely. It would enable us to sing to Him a more accurate statement of the very words of truth which He has provided for His praise. And it would enable us to hear (from Him) a more precise statement of His character and conduct and will for us. Singing a more accurate translation would be more praising to God and more profitable to man.
5. Inasmuch as the Psalms, though speaking from a very definite and distinct cultural and historical setting, are designed to be the praises for all the peoples and nations of the earth, it would be highly appropriate for the musical setting of the psalms we sing to represent a true universality and internationality. It would be a distortion of the Psalms for them to appear in a setting which makes them seem bound to the musical idiom of Scotland, Britain, America or even western civilization. While a Psalm book for singing such as we are envisioning must be musically convenient enough for English-speaking peoples to use without undue hardship, yet it should effectively aim (in terms of the musical settings of the Psalms) at making those who sing them in worship aware of the scope and cultural diversity encompassed by the Kingdom of God.

The third option we propose has to do with the development of singing skills. We believe many of the complaints and criticisms which we have found in the returns from both questionnaires about singability of some selection in *The Book Of Psalms For Singing* can best be answered, not by stopping the singing of them nor by trying to change them to better

and more singable tunes, but by learning to sing. Since God has called it a "sacrifice of praise" and "sacrifice" has always been known to "cost" money, manpower and energy and since God found it necessary or wise that (even) David would appoint those who would instruct and lead his people in singing; therefore, we are asking Synod to consider appointing (hiring if necessary) those who can teach the people to sing and lead them in it. Without this we fear we may be in danger of trying to do God's work our way instead of following His way. The level of music education does not seem to be improving throughout the nation and we are unanimously persuaded that no revision, no matter how easy or singable it is, will keep on being used today without more instruction in the skills of singing and precenting. If Synod wished us to do so, we could draw up a plan whereby Synod would work through presbyteries to help provide instruction in praise that would improve the testimony of congregations to the *a cappella* singing of the Psalms.

Your committee is concerned because our report and recommendations go beyond our assignment. However, it was in the process of considering the need for a "minor revision" that we found these other needs which we believe should be brought to Synod's attention. The needs might be summarized by a principle John Knox once stated when he said, "The face of the Kirk must be constantly reforming."

Recommendations:

1. That Synod authorize the preparation and publication of a Supplement to *The Book of Psalms For Singing*, at an initial printing cost, much of which could be recovered through sale of the Supplements.

2. That Synod appoint a Psalm Tranlsation Committee, if possible to include men appointed by the R.P. Churches of Ireland and Australia, to establish scripturally-based hermeneutical and exegetical principles for the translation of Psalms to be sung, and commission said committee to make a singable translation of the 150 chapters of the Book of Psalms, based on a consistent use of those same principles; suggesting that they aim at translating 15 Psalms per year for 10 years.

3. This translation work is to proceed in conjunction with a subcommittee composed of representatives from the RPCNA charged with the gathering of appropriate musical settings for the Psalms which will be representative of the diverse nations and cultures of the world over which Christ's Lordship is to be proclaimed.

4. That Synod adopt in principle the policy of appointing those who would train the people in singing and lead them in it as well as instructing in the Psalter Revision Committee to draw up a plan for such training-in-praise program for the Church which is to report back to the 1987 Synod.

5. That Synod re-appoint the Psalter Revision Committee adding new members to the present committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Duncan Lowe
Roy Blackwood
Wanda Haney
Robert Joyner
Patricia Joyner
Timothy Russell, Chairman

Sidney Van Camp presented The Report of the Committee on Paper 85-6 (Chaplains). An addition to the Report was distributed and read. Items 3 and 4 were adopted. Item 5 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Items 6-8 were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Paper 85-6

This Committee was appointed by the Moderator of Synod to deal with Paper 85-6: concerning the relation of Armed Forces Chaplains to the ministry of the church.

This Committee made a preliminary report to the 1985 Synod, with the following recommendation being adopted:

Recommendation No. 1

That all teaching elders serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of Canada or of the United States Chaplain Corps shall be considered as missionaries employed by their presbyteries and on loan to the Armed Forces of Canada or of the United States, and their presbyteries shall have oversight and require reports of their activities. (See *1985 Minutes of Synod*, pg. 91.)

This Committee met on Veteran's Day in 1985. Its report is as follows.

All teaching elders being considered to serve in the Armed Forces as a chaplain must be examined by their presbytery. The teaching elder's examination should show that he is a fully qualified member of the clergy, is qualified spiritually, morally, intellectually, and emotionally to serve as a chaplain, and is sensitive to religious pluralism and will provide for the free exercise of religion by military personnel, their dependents, and other authorized personnel. The presbytery should also consider his age and physical condition very carefully in its examination.

After the teaching elder has been examined and is sustained, a call should be issued by his presbytery.

We recommend that the following form be added to the *Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America*.

Recommendation No. 2

Form _____
CHAPLAIN'S CALL

We, the members of the _____ of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, call you _____ to undertake the office of missionary. We call you to the office of chaplain with the Armed Forces of _____. We find that your spiritual attainments, intellectual abilities and soundness in the faith and the Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America qualifies you for this call. Upon your accepting this call and performing the duties of this office, we promise you all due respect and support in the Lord.

All your salary and other expenses related to this call will come from the Armed Forces of _____.

During your tour of active duty in the Armed Forces, you will be required to make mandatory non-deductible contributions to the Pension Plan of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

During the time that you are serving in North America, you will be required to attend the annual meeting of Synod and to make an annual report to this presbytery at that time. Other reports may be required by this presbytery.

In witness, thereof, we subscribe this call, this _____ day of _____ in the year _____.

_____,Moderator
_____,Clerk

On this _____ day of _____ in the year _____, I, _____, do hereby accept this call.

_____,
(Signature of Teaching Elder)

A teaching elder being considered for inactive duty as a military chaplain (Reserve Chaplain, Civil Air Patrol, etc.) shall be appointed by his presbytery only after he has met the same requirements of an examination for those applying for active duty. Before he is appointed the presbytery shall consider the interest of the congregation and session in which he is serving and give them an opportunity for comment.

After the written appointment or call has been accepted, the Clerk of Presbytery or the Clerk of the Ad Interim Commission should immediately notify the endorsing agent in writing. The endorsing agent for the denomination is the Stated Clerk of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

The Armed Forces do not generate religious ministry. They receive ministries from the churches and religious bodies in accordance with the religiously pluralistic pattern of North American society. The United States Code provides that: "An officer of the Chaplain Corps may conduct public worship according to the manner and format of the church of which he is a member." [10 U.S.C. 6031 (a)].

Inasmuch as all liturgical, sacramental, and pastoral acts are performed on the basis of ecclesiastical rather than military credentials, it follows that the ultimate responsibility for the substantive nature of chaplains' religious ministry rests with their churches.

The religious context of the Armed Forces, like that of North American society at large, is one of religious pluralism, in which independent churches and religious bodies co-exist in mutual respect. Because of the impracticality of providing clergy of every faith or denomination at every military command, the Armed Forces and the churches of North America have evolved jointly a pattern of cooperative ministry. The principle of cooperative ministries places on every chaplain the obligations to:

(1) make provision for meeting the religious needs of those in the command who are adherents of other churches, and
(2) cooperate with other chaplains and commands in meeting the religious needs of members of the chaplain's own denomination or faith.

Inasmuch as the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America is a confessional church which seeks to adhere to her standards at all points, each chaplain must be guided in his ministry not merely on an individual interpretation of Scripture, but by the theology and ecclesiology set forth in the *Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America*.

We recommend that the following policies for chaplains be endorsed for presbyteries use.

Recommendation No. 3

I. A chaplain shall have liberty in the full and free presentation of the whole counsel of God as contained in the Holy Scriptures and as summarized in the *Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America*, in the *Westminster Confession of Faith, Catechisms*, and the *Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America*.

II. Since the church holds that the office of teaching elder or minister of the Gospel is given to only men it would be inappropriate for

a chaplain to share in the administration of the sacraments or conducting of the worship service where a woman ordained by another body were participating in the leadership. This in no ways prohibits a chaplain from participating in other appropriate professional areas of ministry.

III. Since the sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper are given to the church in particular, chaplains must exercise caution in their administration. The sacraments are always administered in conjunction with the faithful preaching of the Word.
   A. Under normal circumstances the sacraments are only administered under the oversight of the local session.
   B. Under extra-ordinary circumstances the sacraments can only be administered by a chaplain with the prior approval of his presbytery.

IV. Marriage is a divine ordinance and therefore careful attention to Scriptural principles, as they are defined in the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and the *Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America*, must be followed by all chaplains.

The PCA and the OPC have joined together to better assist the presbyteries in their oversight of chaplains in their relationships with the military by forming the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (hereafter referred to as the Commission).

Membership on the Commission is open to other Reformed denominations. Each denomination is entitled to three Commission members for its first fifty thousand members or portion thereof.

The financial support of the Commission is on a fair-share basis. At the present time this comes to $200 per chaplain per year. Each denomination is responsible for all expenses incurred by its representatives at any meetings of the Commission or its sub-committees. Each chaplain is also asked to make a small contribution to the Commission each year (presently this is $60-$70).

The benefits of joining this Commission are better oversight of the chaplains as well as greater liaison between the Church and the military. Since the number of chaplains permitted to any denomination is based upon the total membership of the denomination, the joining of this Commission would give us the benefit of a membership of over 100,000 rather than our present membership of 5,000.

Recommendation No. 4

That Synod apply for membership on the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

Recommendation No. 5

That Synod budget appropriate funds for this Commission from Synod's Miscellaneous Fund.

Recommendation No. 6

That three men be appointed by the Moderator as members of this Commission, to begin upon acceptance of Synod's application by the Commission.

Recommendation No. 7

That the Synod state its approval of this report and that all presbyteries use this report as approved policy concerning their oversight of chaplains.

Recommendation No. 5

That this Committee be dismissed.

Sidney Van Camp, Chairman
Robert Catloth
Ronald Good
Louis Hutmire
Ralph Joseph

Robert Catloth presented the Report of the Pension Trustees. Item 1 was adopted. Items 2-4 were referred to the Committee on Finance. Items 5 and 6 were adopted. Items 7 and 8 were referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 9 was adopted by a two-thirds majority vote. Item 10 was adopted, and Jerry O'Neill lead the Court in prayer. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE PENSION TRUSTEES

For it is written, "Grey hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life." Proverbs 16:31

1985 has been another busy year for the Trustees. We continue to meet twice a year (spring and fall) at the Shawnee R. P. Church building.

The officers of the Trustees are: Chairman, Dennis Olson; Vice-Chairman, Edmund Schisler; Secretary, Robert Catloth; and Treasurer, Louis Hutmire.

All correspondence should be mailed to the Secretary at 717 Mississippi Street, Lawrence, Kansas 66044.

We want to remind the Presbyteries (clerks) of the need to inform the Pension Trustees (secretary) of action taken by the Presbyteries of licensures, ordinations, installations and changes from active to inactive service. This information is needed for term insurance and/or pension purposes.

CONTRIBUTIONS

For contributions to pension Plan B by current employees of the RPCNA a uniform contribution rate of $400 for each participant has been set for 1986. This amount is to be forwarded by the congregational treasurer to the denominational treasurer quarterly (4 x 100).

Congregational treasurers are to forward $10 per communicant member based on their membership as of 12-31-85 to the denominational treasurer's office. This amount should be paid in quarterly installments.

BENEFITS

As of 1-1-86 pensions for Plan A (those over 54 years of age as of January 1, 1974) are being paid to twenty-one (21) couples and twenty-one (21) singles. Couples are receiving up to $250 per month, and singles are receiving up to $225 per month. In 1985 we paid out a total of $113,083, and in 1986 we estimate we will pay out a total of $113,000.

In 1985 two (2) participants received benefits under Plan B, and another three (3) participants are eligible to receive benefits during 1986.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The auditor's report of Plan B as of 12-31-84 has been received by the Pension Trustees and is on file in the denominational treasurer's office.

The auditor's report for Plan B as of 12-31-85 has been received and will be duplicated and given to delegates at this Synod.

Plan A has an unfunded liability, as noted in the auditor's opinion of the Trustees of Synod Auditor's Report as of 12-31-84, in the amount of approximately $526,000. Assets for this liability held by Synod's Trustees as of 12-31-85 are $439,289.26.

The Pension Trustees are requesting Mercer-Meidinger to provide an actuarial study showing the unfunded liability, taking into consideration the $40,000 the Pension Trustees annually transfer from the current account to Plan A account and the balance of the assets held in Synod's Trustees' portfolio.

PLAN B

The Pension Trustees recommend to Synod the following summary of changes to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America Employee's Restated Plan:

SUMMARY OF THE CHANGES CONTAINED IN AMENDMENT NO. TWO TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA EMPLOYEES' RESTATED PENSION PLAN

(A) Section 1.05 (iii), which is part of the defined term "Continuous Service," is amended due to the fact that chaplains in the Armed Forces shall now be required to make Mandatory Nondeductible Employee Contributions to the Plan.

(B) Section 1.09, which defines the term ''Employee,'' is amended to specifically exclude any leased employees as defined in Section 414(n)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, which was added to the Code by the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA).

(C) Section 1.19, which defines the term ''Termination of Employment'' or ''Terminates Employment,'' is amended to provide that any employee who ceases functioning as a teaching elder for more than three months will be considered to have Terminated Employment.

(D) Section 3.02, which sets forth the Mandatory Nondeductible Employee contribution provisions of the Plan, is amended to provide that chaplains in the Armed Forces will be required to make Mandatory Nondeductible Employee Contributions.

(E) Section 4.02, which sets forth the allocation provisions of the Plan, is amended to (i) specify that any participant who makes a Mandatory Nondeductible Employee Contribution, Voluntary Nondeductible Employee Contribution or Voluntary Deductible Employee Contribution to the Plan before November 1 of any Plan Year shall be credited with interest at the rate of at least 5.5% per annum since the last Valuation Date through the Valuation Date immediately following the contribution, and (ii) provide that in determining the value of Accounts available for withdrawals or payments, if a Participant withdraws or receives payment of all or any part of his permissible Accounts, such Accounts will be credited with interest at the rate of at least 5.5% since the last Valuation Date, provided such withdrawal or receipt of payment is on or after March 1 of the Plan Year.

(F) Section 5.02(a), which sets forth the vesting provisions of the Plan, is amended to clarify that a ''vesting year'' is determined based on an Employee's anniversary years of Plan Participation.

(G) Section 6.01(a), which sets forth the methods of payment, is amended to add a 50% and a 100% joint and survivor annuity option.

(H) Section 6.03, the last paragraph, which is part of the Plan's required distribution dates, is amended to comply with Section 401 (a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by TEFRA and the Tax Reform Act of 1984 to provide that (i) Plan benefit Payments to a Participant must commence by April 1 after the year that the Particpant attains age 70½ or Terminates Employment, if later and (ii) any death benefit must commence within a year after it otherwise would become distributable under the Plan.

(I) Section 6.05, which set forth the lump sum payout provisions of the Plan, is amended to provide that the Administrative Committee may elect to pay a Participant, in a lump sum, the vested interest of his Accounts upon his Termination of Employment if the amount is not more than $3,500.

(J) Section 6.06(c), which is part of the death benefit provisions is amended to add a 50% and 100% death benefit survivor annuity due to the addition of the 50% and 100% joint and survivor annuity option.

(K) Section 8.01, which sets forth the amendment procedures of the Plan, is amended to specify the period in which a Participant could elect to have a prior vesting schedule apply if the Plan is amended to reduce the rate at which a Participant vests in accordance with Section 42 (a)(10) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(L) Section 10.01, which sets forth the maximum annual additions to a Participant's Plan Accounts, is amended to comply with regulations issued under Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code, by specifically defining the compensation used to determine the maximum annual addition.

(M) Article XIII, the TEFRA "top-heavy" provisions, is amended to comply with the final regulations of the Internal Revenue Service on "top-heavy" plans.

INVESTMENTS

During 1985 all Plan B Trust Funds were transferred to United Missouri Bank Investment Counsel Service.

Since the last meeting of Synod the Pension Trustees have done a study of the Franklin Gold Funds. The study showed that some of the Gold Funds were invested in South African mining, and these funds were sold.

During 1984 substantially all of Plan B Trust Funds were invested in the Franklin Group of Mutual Funds. During 1985, Plan B Trust Funds were diversified, with the portfolio as of December 31, 1985 including a variety of securities. Plan B Trust Funds investments at December 31, 1984 and 1985 were as follows:

1984		1985
	Franklin Custodial Funds:	
$439,750	Income Series	$389,199
340,826	Dynatech Series	108,100
87,438	Money Fund	
69,650	Gold Fund	1,032
	1,400 Shares of Common Stock	48,400
	800 Shares Convertible Preferred Stock	35,137
	70,000 Shares Convertible Debentures	61,650
	U.S. Government Agency Obligations	228,416
	U.M.B. Money Market	18,952
	Trans American L. Ins. & Annuity Co.	102,699
$937,664	TOTALS	**$993,585**

TRUSTEES

Currently the Pension Trustees have seven members. The terms of Edmund Schisler and Donald Weilersbacher, Class of 1986, end at this Synod.

Donald Weilersbacher has submitted his letter of resignation to the Trustees.

Edmund Schisler has completed one three year term.

We request that Edmund Schisler be re-elected. We also ask that Synod consider the election of ruling elder Tom Forest from the Orlando R.P. Church or Deacon Dean O'Neill from the Seattle R.P. Church. Both Mr. Forest and Mr. O'Neill are employed in business. The Trustees have asked both men, and they have given us permission to place their names in nomination.

Anyone interested in serving as Trustee should see Robert Catloth.

Recommendations:

1. That Synod instruct the presbyteries to include in the minutes of each installation service the date that the teaching elder actually started working in the congregation. This is needed because participants are enrolled in the pension program on the first of the month following the date they actually started working.
2. That Synod set the amount of the uniform contribution rate at $400 for each participant in Plan B for 1987.
3. That Synod set the congregational assessments for communicant membership at $10 for the calender year 1987 based on its communicant membership as of December 31, 1986.
4. That Synod grant the sum of $41,000 to the Pension Trustees for 1987.
5. That Synod receive the 1985 Auditor's Report of Plan B as of December 31, 1985, and print pages 1 and 2 in the appendix to the *Minutes of Synod*.
6. That Synod approve the paying of the investment fee for the Pension Trust Fund from the Pension Trustees' current account, effective with Plan Year 1987.
7. That Synod elect Edmund Schisler for a three year term to the Class of 1989.
8. That Synod elect Tom Forest or Dean O'Neill for a three year term to the Class of 1989.
9. That Synod amend Pension Plan B as set forth in the following resolution:

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF
THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF NORTH AMERICA
SYNOD MEETING HELD JULY 15, 1986

RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (herinafter referred to as the "Sponsoring Employer") held on the 14th day of July, 1986, the following resolution was unanimosly adopted:

WHEREAS, the Sponsoring Employer approved the adoption of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America Employees' Restated Pension Plan (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan") effective January 1, 1984; and

WHEREAS, the Sponsoring Employer reserved the right in Article VIII of the Plan to amend the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Sponsoring Employer wishes to amend the Plan to (i) comply with the final regulations issued pursuant to the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982, (ii) comply with the Tax Reform Act of 1984 and (iii) make certain other changes therein,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Plan is hereby amended, in the following respects, effective as of January 1, 1986, except as otherwise provided:

AMENDMENT NO.2
THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
EMPLOYEES' RESTATED PENSION PLAN

(A) Section 1.05 (iii) is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"**Section 1.05**. . .

(iii) his absence on leave for military service in the Armed Forces of the United States; provided, however, that while such service shall count for vesting under Section 5.02 and required Mandatory Nondeductible Contibutions under Section 3.02 hereof, such service shall not count for benefits or Employer contributions under Section 3.01 hereof. . ."

(B) Section 1.09 is amended, effective as of January 1, 1985, to read in its entirety as follows:

"**Section 1.09** The term 'Employee' shall mean any ordained teaching elder (including any such person who is serving in the Armed Forces of the United States during a period of service when his re-employment rights are guaranteed by law) or a full-time employee elected by the Sponsoring Employer or a full-time missionary employee of an Employer other than a Congregation. Other regular full time employees of the Employer may be included herein at the discretion of the Sponsoring Employer, provided, however, that employees in like circumstances shall be treated consistently. The term 'Employee' shall not include any 'leased employee' as defined in Section 414(n)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code."

(C) Section 1.19 is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"**Section 1.19** The term '*Termination of Employment*' or '*Terminates Employment*' shall mean the date a Participant (i) permanently severs his employment relationship with his Employer and is not re-employed by another Employer pursuant to Section 1.05, (ii) ceases functioning as a teaching elder for a period of not less than three (3) months, or (iii) severs his relationship as a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America."

(D) Section 3.02 is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"**Section 3.02 - Mandatory Nondeductible Employee Contribution** Each participant shall during any period of Continuous Service be required to make annual contributions under the Plan until the attainment of his Normal Retirement Date in an amount equal to the uniform contribution determined each year at the annual meeting of Synod convention of the Sponsoring Employer, but no Participant shall make an annual contribution in excess of ninety percent (90%) of an actuarially determined amount needed to fund such Participant's targeted retirement benefit based on the assumptions set forth in Section 3.01 hereof. Such amounts shall be paid into the Trust Fund quarterly."

(E) Section 4.02 is amended by the addition of the following paragraphs to the end thereof:

"**Section 4.02 - Allocation of Trust Earnings and Loss...**

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.02, Section 11.01, Section 12.01 and this Section 4.02 hereof to the contrary, if a Participant makes an annual contribution to the Plan before November 1 in any Plan Year, such contribution shall be credited with interest at the rate of five and one-half percent (5½%) per annum or such other interest rate as may be set from time to time by the Pension Trustees, compounded annually since the last Valuation Date through the Valuation Date immediately following such contribution.

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.01 and this Section 4.02 hereof to the contrary, if a Participant withdraws or receives payment of all or any part of his permissible Accounts on or after March 1 in a Plan Year, such Accounts shall be credited with interest on such withdrawals or payments at the rate of five and one-half percent (5½%) per annum or such other rate as may be set from time to time by the Pension Trustees, compounded annually since the last Valuation Date."

(F) 5.02(a) is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"**Section 5.02 - Vesting on Termination of Employment**

(a) In the event of a Participant's Termination of Employment, ten percent (10%) of the value of his Employer Contribution Account shall become vested for each completed 'vesting year', up to a maximum of

one hundred percent (100%) after ten (10) full 'vesting years.' For purposes of this Section 5.02, a 'vesting year' shall mean the anniversary of a Participation Date when an Employee first became a Participant of this Plan. Notwithstanding the above, if an Employee was a Participant as of the Effective Date of the Plan, his 'vesting years' shall include his years of continuous employment from his original date of employment as an Employee. . .''

(G) Section 6.01(a) is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

''Section 6.01 - Method of Distribution

(a) The method of distribution to a married Participant based on his vested interest in his Accounts shall be a monthly pension during the participant's lifetime in a monthly amount with provision for continuing monthly payments equal to sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66⅔%) of such monthly amount to the Particpant's spouse for the lifetime of said spouse. The Participant may elect, subject to the Trustee's approval, at the time of distribution to have the vested interest in his Accounts payable in an actuarial equivalent form which would provide a monthly payment continuing after his lifetime to his spouse equal to (i) fifty percent (50%) or (ii) one hundred percent (100%) of his reduced monthly benefits. Such payments may, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Pension Trustees, be provided by monthly payments from the Trust Fund or from a non-transferable annuity contract purchased by the Trust Fund. . .''

(H) Section 6.03, the last paragraph is amended, effective as of January 1, 1984, to read in its entirety as follows:

''Section 6.03 - Time of Distribution In no event shall a Participant's monthly pension benefit commence (or otherwise be paid) later than the first day of April immediately following the calendar year in which he reaches age seventy and one-half (70½), or his Termination of Employment, if later. In addition, any death benefit that becomes payable under this Plan shall commence (or otherwise be paid) within one (1) year after it becomes distributable hereunder.''

(I) Section 6.05 is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

''Section 6.05 - Lump Sum Payments Lump sum cash payments may be paid from the Trust Fund to a Participant who Terminates Employment prior to his Normal Retirement Date and before he has completed at least ten (10) full years of participation (and, as a result, before he is fully vested) or who Terminates Employment as hereinafter provided.

(a) A Participant who Terminates Employment may elect a lump sum cash payment of the vested interest of his Accounts as of the date of his Termination of Employment.

(b) Any such lump sum payment made under Section 6.05(a) shall be calculated based on the value of the Particpant's Accounts as of the

Valuation Date coincident with or next preceding his Termination of Employment, unless in the sole and absolute discretion of the Committee, a special Valuation Date should apply, in which event the distribution of such Participant's Account shall be as of a special Valuation Date. If a Participant's Termination of Employment occurs close to the end of a Plan Year, the Committee may direct that the amount of the such Participant's Account shall remain in the Trust Fund until the Valuation Date next following the Participant's Termination of Employment.

(c) Any lump sum payment made pursuant to this Section 6.05 may be reduced by a reasonable charge for expenses.

(d) Notwithstanding any provisions contained herein to the contrary, the Administrative Committee may direct to pay out in a lump sum cash payment the vested interest of the Participant's Accounts provided the lump sum values of such Account is three thousand five hundred dollars ($3,500) or less.''

(J) Section 6.06(c) is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

''**Section 6.06 - Death Benefits**

(c) If a Participant who is married dies after the commencement of his benefits hereunder, his surviving spouse shall be entitled to receive a monthly benefit in the amount equal to (i) fifty percent (50%), (ii) sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66⅔%) or (iii) one hundred percent (100%), whichever is applicable, of the benefit the deceased Participant had been receiving prior to his death. If, at the time of the death of the deceased Participant's surviving spouse, the spouse is survived by minor children of the deceased Participant, the same amount of monthly payments shall continue to the guardian of such minor children for the duration of their minority or to such children after their majority until the deceased Participant's Employer Contibution Account and Mandatory Nondeductible Employee Contribution Account is exhausted. If the deceased Participant's Accounts have not been exhausted at the time of the death of both his surviving spouse and children, if any, his Accounts shall be paid in a lump sum cash payment to his named Beneficiary. If no Beneficiary was named or is living, the balance in the deceased Participant's Accounts shall be distributed in a lump sum cash payment in accordance with Section 1.03.''

(K) Section 8.01 is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

''**Section 8.01 - Amendment** The sponsoring Employer shall have the right in its sole and absolute discretion, by action of its annual Synod convention, to amend the Plan at any time, and from time to time, to any extent which it may deem advisable; provided, however, that no amendment shall retroactively decrease the benefits accrued to any Participant. Amendments shall be recommended to the Sponsoring Employer

by the Pension Trustees. Amendments which have been adopted by a two-thirds (⅔) vote of the Sponsoring Employer at its annual Synod convention shall be published in its annual *Minutes of Synod* and this Plan document shall be amended by the Pension Trustees and shall become effective as of the date set forth in such resolution and the Sponsoring Employer, Employers, Employees, Participants, Beneficiaries, Pension Trustees, Committee and all others having any interest under the Plan shall be bound thereby.

Any amendment which modifies the vesting provisions contained in Section 5.02 hereof shall either (i) provide for a rate of vesting which is more rapid for any participant than the vesting schedule previously in effect or (ii) provide that any adversely affected participant with at least five (5) full Plan Years of participation may elect in writing, to remain under the vesting schedule in effect prior to the amendment. Such election must be made within sixty (60) days after the latest of (a) adoption of the amendment, (b) effective date of the amendment or (c) issuance by the Sponsoring Employer, Pension Trustees or Administrative Committee of written notice of the amendment.''

(L) Section 10.01 is amended, effective as of January 1, 1984, to read in its entirety as follows:

"**Section 10.01 - Maximum Annual Additions** The 'Maximum Annual Addition' to a Participant's Accounts shall not exceed the lesser of (a) thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) or the specific dollar amount set forth in Section 415(c)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended, as such amount may hereafter be adjusted from time to time by the Secretary of the Treasury to reflect increases in the cost of living pursuant to Section 415(d)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended, or (b) twenty-five percent (25%) of the Participant's Compensation received from the Employers during the Plan Year.

For this purpose, a Particpant's compensation shall mean his earned income, wages, salaries, fees for professional service, commissions paid to salesmen, compensation based on percentage of profits, bonuses and other amounts received for personal services actually rendered in the course of employment with the Employers and excluding the following:

(i) Any Employer's contribution to a plan of deferred compensation to the extent contributions are not included in gross income of the Participant for the taxable year in which contributed, or on behalf of an Employee to a simplified employee pension plan to the extent such contributions are deductible under Section 219(b)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, and any distributions from a plan of deferred compensation whether or not includable in the gross income of the Participant when distributed.

(ii) Amounts realized from the exercise of a non-qualified stock option, or when restricted stock (or property) held by an Employee

becomes freely transferable or is no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture;

(iii) Amounts realized from the sale, exchange or other disposition of stock acquired under a qualified stock option; and

(iv) Other amounts which receive special tax benefits, such as premiums for group term life insurance (but only to the extent that the premiums are not includable in the gross income of the Employee).

The term 'Annual Additions' shall mean the sum for Plan Year of:

(a) the Employer Contributions made on behalf of a Participant;

(b) the Participant's allocable share of forfeitures; and

(c) the lesser of -

(i) the sum of the Mandatory Nondeductible Employee Contributions and Voluntary Nondeductible Employee Contributions in excess of six percent (6%) of his compensation; or

(ii) one-half (½) of the sum of the Mandatory Nondeductible Employee Contributions and Voluntary Nondeductible Employee Contributions.

The term '*Annual Additions*' shall not include any Voluntary Deductible Employee Contributions made by the Participant as provided for in Article XII.''

(M) Article XIII is amended, effective as of January 1, 1984, to read in its entirety as follows:

''ARTICLE XIII

TAX EQUITY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1982/TOP-HEAVY PROVISIONS

Section 13.01 - Application The provisions of this Article XIII shall only be applicable if the Plan becomes 'top-heavy' as defined in Section 416 (g) of the Internal Revenue Code aggregating this Plan and any other plans maintained by the Employers which are part of an 'aggregation group of plans' (as hereafter defined). Generally, this Plan would be top-heavy if sixty percent (60%) or more of the aggregate present value of the Accounts of Participants in the 'aggregate group of plans' maintained by the Employers as of any 'determination date' (as defined in Section 416 (g)(4) of the Code, i.e., December 31 beginning as of December 31, 1983, which shall also be the 'valuation date' used for computing Plan costs for minimum funding) is attributable to 'key employees' [as defined in Section 416 (i)(1) of the Code]. For this purpose, distributions to members of the 'aggregation group of plans,' during the Plan Year (ending with such determination date) or for any of

the four (4) immediately preceding Plan Years shall be taken into consideration. The value of Voluntary Nondeductible and/or Deductible Employee Contribution Accounts under Articles XI and XII hereof shall be disregarded for this purpose. If the Plan becomes top-heavy as of any determination date, then effective in the next succeeding Plan Year, the provisions of this Article XIII shall apply.

Section 13.02 - Special Vesting Rule Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.02 hereof to the contrary, a Participant shall be fully vested hereunder upon the completion of six (6), rather than ten (10) years of Plan participation and shall be partially vested after two (2) years of Plan participation as determined in accordance with the following schedule:

Years of Plan Participation	Vesting Percentage
Less than 1 year	0%
1 year	10%
2 years	20%
3 years	40%
4 years	60%
5 years	80%
6 years or more	100%

Section 13.03 - Special Minimum Contributions Notwithstanding any provisions contained herein to the contrary, if the Plan becomes 'top-heavy' the Employers shall make a minimum annual contribution for each Participant who is not a 'key employee' in an amount equal to at least three percent (3%) of his compensation.

Section 13.04 - Key Employee Defined The term 'key employee' shall have the same meaning as is specified in Section 416(i)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, i.e., certain officers of the Employers. The term 'key employee' as of any determination date shall be applied to any Employer or former Employer (or his spouse or Beneficiary) who was a 'key employee' during the Plan Year (ending with the determination date) or in any of the four (4) immediately preceding Plan Years. The term 'officer,' for this purpose, shall only include any officer of the Employers whose total cash compensation for the applicable Plan Year was at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) or more of the maximum annual additions to a defined contribution plan for such year under Section 415(c)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 13.05 - Aggregation Group Plans The term 'aggregation group of plans' shall have the same meaning as is specified in Section 416(g)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, including for this purpose both required and permissive aggregation groups of plans, i.e., (i) each qualified retirement plan maintained by the Employers in which a 'key employee' is a participant (part of a 'required aggregation group of

plans'), and/or (ii) each other qualified retirement plan maintained by the Employers which enables any other plan of the Employers to meet the requirements of Section 401(a) or Section 410 of the Internal Revenue Code (part of a 'required aggregation group of plans') and/or (iii) any other qualified retirement plan maintained by the Employers; provided such other plan would continue to meet the requirements of Section 401(a)(4) and Section 410 of the Internal Revenue Code if this Plan and any plans included in (i) and (ii) hereof are also taken into account (part of a 'permissive aggregation group of plans')."

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America at a convention held on the 14th day of July, 1986.

Attest: (Seal) THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

_____ By _____

Clerk of the Synod Moderator of the Synod

10. That following the adoption of this report, Synod rise for prayer for those who have served the Church in past years.

Submitted by:
Class of 1986: Edmund Schisler and Donald Weilersbacher
Class of 1987: Robert Catloth, Dennis Olson, Charles Wise
Class of 1988: Joe Copeland, Paul Finley

The Court took recess in prayer by the Moderator.

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1986; 7:30 P.M.

Synod was reconvened in prayer by Kenneth McBurney.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The Roll was noted.

A partial Report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted. It appears with the full report later in these minutes.

Jerry Milroy introduced the following fraternal delegates from churches with whom we have fraternal relations who brought greetings from their respective assemblies. Different members of the Court who had represented the Synod at their Synod's or General Assemblies responded to them.

Robert McCracken read greetings from the Australian Reformed Presbyterian Church. Alex Halket, a visitor from the Australian Reformed Presbyterian Church was introduced to the Court and had a statement of greeting and thanks read on his behalf to the Court.

Paul Kooistra brought greetings from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America. Jonathan Leach responded to him and reported on his visit to their General Assembly.

Dennis J. Prutow brought greetings from the Orthodox Presbyterian General Assembly. David Coon responded to him and reported on his visit to their General Assembly.

Hee Bong Lee brought greetings from the Synod of the Korean American Presbyterian Church. Tom Reid read a letter from Donald Birdsall, our delegate to their General Assembly.

Thomas Stewart brought greetings from the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Robert Copeland responded to him.

Thomas J. Vos brought greetings from the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church Synod. Donald McCrory responded to him and reported on his visit to their Synod.

Norman Hoeflinger brought greetings from the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States. David Burke responded to him and reported on his visit to their Syond.

David Massimi brought greetings from the Synod of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Edwin P. Elliott, Jr. brought greetings from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Mrs. Faith Martin addressed the Court on behalf the Woman's Association and the Reformed Presbyterian Home For The Aged. William Weir, Superintendent of the Home, made some remarks. The Report was recieved and appears in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Jerry O'Neil presented the following special resolution which was adopted and referred to the representatives from the Home: That Synod request the Woman's Association to study the feasibility of providing residential services for mentally and/or physically handicapped persons in the Home and report back to Synod next year.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by Raymond Hemphill.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 1986, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment at Olin Templin Hall, Kansas University, Lawrence, Kansas, on Wednesday, July 16, 1986 at 8:30 a.m.

The Court was constituted in prayer by Ed Schisler.

The Roll was noted.

Roy McDonald led the Court in the worship of God. After the singing of Psalm 138-B and prayer, Mr. McDonald read God's Word from Ephesians 2. Dean Smith preached God's Word on the theme,

"Certain In Christ." The worship was concluded with the singing of Psalm 84-B.

The minutes were read, amended and adopted.

Following prayer by the Moderator an offering of over $1,000 was received to help defray the expenses of Synod.

Bruce Stewart presented the Report of the Committee to Rewrite the Form of Church Government. Chapter 5 was taken up, debated and adopted by more than a two-thirds majority vote. Chapter 7 was taken up, debated and returned to the Committee.

Robert Copeland presented the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary. Item 6 was adopted. In keeping with that item, Bruce Stewart, President of the Seminary, addressed the Court on behalf of the Seminary. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 2 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 3 was debated.

The Court took a break.

The Court continued with the discussion of item 3 of the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary. The item was adopted. Item 4 was debated and adopted. Item 5 was amended, debated and adopted. Item 7 was adopted and made the order of the day for this evening immediately following the reading of the minutes.

Donald Cassell, student at the Seminary from Liberia, working in the Winchester Congregation for the summer, was introduced to the Court.

The Court was recessed in prayer by Donald McBurney.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 1986; 7:30 P.M.

Following the singing of Psalm 33-A the Court was reconvened in prayer by Robert Morrow.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The Roll was noted.

The Court proceeded to the election of a professor for the Seminary as directed in the Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary. The Court was led in prayer by Louis Hutmire. The Court voted. The Moderator appointed Harold Milligan and Donald McCrory to count the ballots.

Robert Fullerton read the Report of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies; William Blackwood read the Report of the Iowa Presbytery; Thomas Price read the report of the Midwest Presbytery; David Coon read the Report of the New York Presbytery and announced the change of the name of the Presbytery to the Atlantic Presbytery; William Roberts read the Report of the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery; James Carson read the Report of the Pacific Coast Presbytery; Kenneth McBurney read the Report of the St. Lawrence

Presbytery; James Pennington read the Report of the Japan Commission. Harold Harrington addressed the Court on behalf of the Ottawa Theological Seminary. The Reports of the presbyteries and the Commission were received. The Court gathered around as Kenneth Smith led in a prayer of thanksgiving and petition on behalf of the Church. The Reports are as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE ALLEGHENIES

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The Presbytery of the Alleghenies would respectfully report that we have 13 congregations and one mission station under our care. All but two are served by settled pastors. Rimersburg is without a pastor at this time and Manchester is awaiting the installation of Robert McCracken as their pastor. Randall Van Osdol has completed a period of employment in a light manufacturing industry and expects to give his full time to the establishing of a congregation in the Washington D.C. area. He plans to begin this full time mission work on September 1st. We are encouraged by this prospect yet realize the prayer, the encouraging support and the significant financial outlay required if we are to see a congregation established in the Washington area.

In addition to the above eleven pastors, we have nineteen active and two inactive teaching elders on our roll. Of this total four are associated with Geneva College, four are with the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary, one is a missionary to Japan, one is awaiting installation as a pastor, eight are retired (one of these is serving as Pastor to the R.P. Home family), two are without a pastorate and one is self-employed.

We have four theological students under our care. Gerald Dodds and Daniel Kiehl are in their second year of study. Timothy McCracken has completed his first year. Gerald Bowyer continues to prepare for seminary entrance.

We are continuing our program of visitation of congregations. Three congregations have been visited since the last meeting of the Synod.

Since the last meeting of the Synod we have had two regular meetings of the Presbytery.

We have just completed a very successful family conference at Camp Lambec on the shore of Lake Erie. There were about 140 in full-time attendance.

The officers of the Presbytery are listed with our roster. Our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk. Our travel Fund is paid and all members are accounted for.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert R. Fullerton, Clerk

REPORT OF THE ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY

The Atlantic Presbytery would respectfully report that of our six congregations, five have settled pastors and show signs of continued growth.

These are Broomall, Cambridge, Coldenham-Newburgh, Elkins Park and White Lake. Pastor Jonathan Watt is the most recent pastor to be installed which was on May 30, 1986 in Cambridge. The Ridgefield Park, New Jersey Congregation has been without a pastor since June 1, 1986 when Pastor W. Douglas Chamberlain resigned to accept the call of the Lisbon, New York Congregation. The Ridgefield Park congregation is actively seeking the undershepherd of the Lord's choosing. We commend this congregation and its opportunity for significant impact for your consideration. Pastors G.W. Price and William Cornell are without charge. Further, two other Pastors have been added to our roll, William Pihl and William Smith. Mr. Pihl is pursuing graduate studies and Mr. Smith, formerly a pastor of the Newburgh congregation, has retired to Eldred, New York, and has also become a member of the White Lake Congregation. We are also thankful for the opportunity for new work presented by three Covenanter families, two from Cambridge and one from Syracuse who are interested in starting a new congregation in northwestern Connecticut. This was established as a new work by our Presbytery at its spring meeting. It is called the Winsted, Connecticut, work and is under the oversight of the Cambridge session. Their plan is to conduct regular worship services for the remainder of the year, seeking someone to begin a "tent-making" ministry in January 1987 with the intent in mind that this become a full-time work as soon as possible thereafter

We have two students under care: Mr. Donald Cassell and Mr. Brian Randazzo. Mr. Randazzo is in the process of licensure.

We continue to support the Center for Urban Theological Studies (CUTS) in Philadelphia. Dr. William Edgar and Pastor Jonathan Leach serve as our representatives to CUTS. We also provide oversight and support for the White Lake Covenanter Camp. As you know from reading the July issue of the *Witness*, the camp has been experiencing some serious financial outlay for maintaining the physical facilities. We are thankful for the many generous gifts that now appear to put us in the black. Mr. Michael Tabon serves his second year as the Camp Director and Head Counselor. Family Camp will be held August 15-23 with Dr. Edward Robson speaking to college/adults, and Pastor Douglas Chamberlain speaking to the junior and senior highs. We note with sorrow and with gratitude the life and ministry of Elder T. Andrew Price who was active on the Boards of the Church, the Newburgh, Newburgh-Coldenham and White Lake Congregations and the White Lake Covenanter Camp.

We have held one special meeting in addition to our annual spring meeting (this year held on March 28, 1986 at the Elkins Park Church) and annual Synod meeting. This special meeting was to ordain and install Douglas Chamberlain as pastor of the Ridgefield Park Congregation.

Our moderator continues to be Pastor Ray McCracken. Our representative on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College is Jonathan Leach.

Our travel fund agent for this meeting of Synod is Jonathan Watt. Our Travel Fund is paid and all of our members are accounted for.

Respectfully submitted,
David Coon, Clerk

Report of the Iowa Presbytery

"But the people who know their God will display strength and take action. And those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many." (Daniel 11:32b-33a)

This past year has been a time of quiet development within the congregations of the Iowa Presbytery. Marion congregation welcomed the Presbytery visitation committee in March of this year and is experiencing the continuing benefits of the time of evaluation and help. The congregation is reaching out to the community through films and other methods of evangelism. The congregation is seeking to grow and earnestly covets your prayers as we look for ways to minister to people in the area. Pastor Good is carrying on important work in the Washington area as he, along with other ministers in the area, is ministering to farmers and others in the midst of the farm crisis. The Washington Congregation is also conducting a weekly radio ministry to the community in addition to several other ways of meeting real needs in the lives of people. The Sharon Congregation is thankful to God for providing them with the ministry of the Word during the time they were without a pastor, and now, with a pastor. Rev. Robert Schmidtberger was installed in that congregation in August, 1985. He is actively ministering not only to those in the congregation but also to a "captive audience" as he visits the Des Moines County Jail on a regular basis. He and his family are settling well into the Sharon Community. Presbytery has recently endorsed a pilot program which has been implemented by the Sharon Congregation in order to encourage young families to remain in agriculture within the bounds of the congregation.

As a Presbytery, we thank God for providing us once again with three pastors for three congregations. Our prayers are that God would expand that number in the coming years as we continue to look for ways of opening up new ministries in other cities and communities in Iowa.

We have had one regular meeting of Presbytery on April 5, 1986, in the Washington, Iowa, Church since the last meeting of Synod. We have also had a special meeting at Sharon in order to install Robert Schmidtberger as pastor of that congregation and one meeting here at Synod.

The family conference will be August 3-6 starting with a joint service on Sabbath, August 3 at the Sharon R.P. Church and continuing at the Spring Valley Bible Camp near Muscatine, Iowa. Dick Wulf will be the speaker and the theme is "Family Relationships."

Robert Schmidtberger is our travel fund agent for this meeting of Synod. Our representative to the Geneva College Board of Corporators is Lauren Wolcott. Ronald V. Good is our representative on the Board of Home Missions. All our members are accounted for and the travel fund is paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,
William Blackwood

REPORT OF THE MIDWEST PRESBYTERY

The Midwest Presbytery respectfully reports that it has held one regular meeting and one called meeting since the last meeting of Synod. The annual meeting was held November 5 and 6 in Clarinda, Iowa, and the called meeting was held at this meeting of Synod.

Since the last meeting of Synod we have seen the deaths of three of our ruling elders, Cloyce Beard of Minneola, J. Clyde Dunn of Greeley and Robert Keys of Winchester.

We presently have 16 organized congregations under our care. We installed Paul McCracken as pastor of our Colorado Springs Congregation on July 1, 1986. William Pihl resigned from the Clarinda Congregation on April 15, 1986 and was transferred to the Atlantic Presbytery. The Clarinda and Westminster pulpits remain vacant, and the Lawrence Congregation will become vacant on August 31, 1986 with the resignation of Ronald Stegall. Greeley will be vacant after October 10 when James Pennington resigns. Raymond Hemphill is on loan to the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery for work in Hetherton.

We have two men under care as Students of Theology, Kelly Moore and Robert Willson. Kelly is working in Cyprus with the Middle East Reformed Fellowship and Robert is pursuing licensure.

Our representative to the Geneva College Board of Corporators is Ralph Joseph; our representative to the Home Mission Board is Tom Price; our Travel Fund Agent for this meeting of Synod is Ron Graham; all our members are accounted for and the Travel Fund is paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas A. Price, Jr., Clerk

REPORT OF THE OHIO-ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The Ohio-Illinois Presbytery respectfully reports that we have 14 congregations and one mission station under our care. Ten of our congregations have pastors. Hetherton and Covenant Fellowship of Indianapolis have stated supplies. Southfield and Sparta are without a settled pastor.

We have had one regular meeting and two special meetings of Presbytery since the last meeting of Synod. The regular meeting was held April 3-5, 1986, in Indianapolis, Indiana. One special meeting was held July 19, 1985, in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the purpose of ordaining Harry Metzger to the gospel ministry for the purpose of rebuilding

the work in Chicago. The other special meeting was held here at Synod.

Since the last meeting of Synod the pastoral relationship between Pastor Robert Schmidtberger and the Hetherton Congregation was dissolved as Mr. Schmidtberger accepted a call from the Sharon Congregation. He was received by the Iowa Presbytery. E. Raymond Hemphill, serving as stated supply of the Hetherton Congregation, is on loan from Midwest Presbytery. The pastoral relationship between Pastor C. S. Sterrett and the Southfield Congregation was dissolved as Mr. Sterrett retired. He has since been received by Presbytery of the Alleghenies. Pastor D. Ray Wilcox died on January 12, 1986.

At the meeting of Presbytery at this meeting of Synod, David R. Armstrong appeared before Presbytery. He presented a written application for forgiveness and restoration, which contained a confession of sin, a new profession of faith and promise to live a Christian life. Mr. Armstrong was unanimously forgiven and absolved from the censure of deposition and warmly restored to the membership of the Church. Further, he was restored to the office of minister.

Two days later, the Presbytery, in recognition of its own sin of not being the shepherd that God has called us to be to David R. Armstrong, was led by the Lord to confess, both corporately and as individual members, its sin in a time of corporate prayer. The Presbytery voted to inform Mr. Armstrong of its confession and to ask for his forgiveness.

At last year's meeting of Presbytery at Synod, Presbytery approved an explanatory declaration form to be used in conjunction with any oaths involved in societies. At this year's meeting of Presbytery at Synod, Willie C. Brown, W. J. Yelder and Johnny R. Brown, former elders at Selma, presented a written application for forgiveness and removal of censure. Presbytery received their confession of sin, new profession of faith and promise to live a Christian life. Presbytery forgave and absolved them. A committee of Presbytery has been appointed to make a public proclamation in Selma of this action. We are greatly humbled and thankful for these evidences of God's grace which we see.

There are 24 pastors on the roll of Presbytery. Fourteen of these are without pastorates. One is involved in rebuilding the work in the Chicago area; one is a stated supply, one is serving as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army; one serves as librarian for the Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi; one is in counseling; one is serving and ministering in the Atlanta area; one is retired; three are involved in teaching; and four are involved in other work, two of whom are providing pastoral services to other churches. Three non-ministerial members of the Chicago Mission Station are also on the Roll of Presbytery.

In response to the question raised at the 1985 meeting of Synod concerning the oversight of Rev. Robert Morrow's ministry to a former United Presbyterian Church near Sparta, we would report to Synod that Rev. Morrow has informed Presbytery that he is not currently administering the sacraments nor moderating the session of the Baldwin Community

Presbyterian Church. Further, we as Presbytery are continuing to exercise oversight concerning his ministry at that congregation. The Ad Interim Commission has specifically been instructed concerning this matter.

We have two licensed men under our care, Mr. James McMahon and Mr. Fred Basil. Mr. McMahon is seeking a call as an associate pastor or stated supply. Mr. Basil is filling the Sparta pulpit on a full-time basis. Mr. Basil was licensed to preach at Presbytery's meeting at this Synod.

The Covfamikoi Family Conference will be held at Johnson Bible College near Knoxville, Tennessee on August 2-8, 1986. Dr. D. Howard Elliott will be addressing the adults while Rev. David Long will address the youth. Under the direction of Rich Johnston, a youth leadership team has organized several youth activities for the Presbytery.

All of our members are accounted for, our Travel Fund is paid in full, and our Travel Agent for this meeting of Synod is Harry Metzger.

Respectfully submitted,
William Roberts, Clerk

REPORT OF THE PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY

The Pacific Coast Presbytery held its annual meeting in Los Angeles, California on February 14-15, 1986 and a meeting was held in connection with the meeting of Synod at Lawrence, Kansas on July 14, 1986.

There are seven congregations under our care. Anchorage, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Santa Ana and Seattle have settled pastors. The Fresno Congregation has no settled pastor, but the Presbytery has appointed the Rev. Robert W. McMillan to serve as stated supply, and he has been serving there since February of this year. The San Diego Congregation is vacant, due to the resignation of the Rev. Donald Weilersbacher effective June 30, 1986.

The five pastors are: Robert B. Tweed, Donald Piper, Glenn E. McFarland, Paul M. Martin and James D. Carson. In addition, there are three ministerial members on our roll who are not in a pastorate: Dr. Charles Chao continues his work with the Reformation Translation Fellowship; Philip Martin, retired and is on the Session of the Phoenix Congregation; and Rev. Donald Weilersbacher is expecting to continue to live in San Diego and seek non-pastoral employment.

In its regular program of congregational visitation, the Los Angeles Congregation was visited during the year. The Santa Ana Congregation has requested the aid of the Presbytery in planning their future ministry, and special attention is being given to that Congregation this year.

A summer conference was held at the Oak Glen Christian Conference Center from July 15-20, 1985. The Presbytery will have no presbytery-wide conference in 1986, but there will be some regional conferences in the various congregations. The 1987 conference is planned for Buck Creek near Seattle.

Donald Piper is our representative on the Board of Home Missions and Surrendra Gangadean is our representative on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

Respectfully submitted,
James D. Carson, Clerk

REPORT OF THE ST. LAWRENCE PRESBYTERY

The St. Lawrence Presbytery held its regular meetings in Syracuse, New York, on October 8-9, 1985, and in Lisbon, New York, on March 4, 1986. The fall meeting was a joint meeting with the Board of Home Missions which was interesting and profitable for both. Presbytery also met during Synod week.

There are nine congregations in the Presbytery, six of which have pastors. Douglas Chamberlain, Pastor-elect of the Lisbon Congregation, has begun his work there and will be installed in the near future. Lochiel and Rochester are without a pastor. The work at Perth, Ontario, is being continued by the Ottawa Congregation with a good nucleus of faithful people attending. Worship and Sabbath School classes are held on Sabbath afternoons and a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings. The work at Canastota, New York, was discontinued last fall.

There are twelve minister on the roll of Presbytery, six of whom have pastorates. Charles Leach is serving with the Board of Foreign Missions in Japan, and Robert McCracken has completed a term of service in Australia and was transferred to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies. Paul Copeland was released from the Rochester Congregation and was transferred to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church at the end of September. Carter Rowe was released from his charge as Associate Pastor at Syracuse on March 4 and is available for a call.

There are three students under the care of Presbytery: Christian Adjemian, Andrew K. Schep and Iain G. Speirs. All have been taking their seminary work at the Ottawa Theological Hall.

Ottawa Theological Hall has completed its first four year cycle of courses, and we rejoice that so many students have been involved in the courses. Three students have completed the requirements for graduation. We consider the training of men for the ministry in Canada as one of the keys to the growth of the church in Canada.

The Presbytery is involved in two summer conferences. White Lake Family Camp will be August 15-23 and is jointly sponsored with the New York Presbytery. Other activities at White Lake Camp include VBS Camps, Hiking and Canoeing Camp, Junior Camp and Counselor training. The St. Lawrence Family Camp will be August 29 to September 1.

St. Lawrence Presbytery is grateful to the Church at large for the great measure of support of our work in church extension through the Board of Home Missions. In 1960, just after the realignment of Presbyteries, there were six congregations and 362 total members in the Presbytery.

In the next 17 years a steady decline resulted in the loss of one congregation and 79 members. 1977 was the first year a minister was working full time all year in church extension work, and various others have been involved since then. From 1977 to 1985 the Presbytery grew from five to nine congregations and from 283 to 458 members. Church extension work is not easy, and there have been problems, but we feel as Paul wrote in I Corinthians 16:9, "For a great door for effective work is opened unto me and there are many adversaries."

The officers of our Presbytery are: Moderator, Walter Swartz; Clerk, Kenneth McBurney; Treasurer, Paul Finley; Representative to the Board of Corporators of Geneva College, Paul Finley; Representative on the Board of Home Missions, Walter Swartz.

The statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk, our members are accounted for and our Travel Fund is paid.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth A. McBurney, Clerk

THE REPORT OF THE JAPAN COMMISSION

The Japan Commission respectfully reports that since the last meeting of Synod the Commission has consisted of seven ministers: Leach, Masunaga, Miwa, Sterrett, Spear, Takiura and Youn; and three elders: Kojima, Nitta and Shinoda. Mr. Leach departed for a year long furlough after the July meeting. The Commission completed formal procedure of Mr. Youn's transfer and accepted him as our pastor on July 8, 1985.

The Commission held its regular meeting every other month. We had a special meeting on January 20 to visit Kasumigaoka Session. We decided to rotate the meeting place among the three churches. Attendance by elders has improved. The bi-monthly pastor's meeting has continued its study of Pastoral Leadership.

Activities of the Commission:

The Commission supervised the following activites: 1. Youth Conference on August 15-17 at Ayabe, Kyoto. Theme: Faith and Repentance. 2. Mr. Gregg Mann from Colorado Springs helped our congregations during the summer. 3. Meetings with the Pastors who visited from the Korean Presbyterian Churches-September 1-7. 4. Church's Conference on September 23 at Reformed Seminary. Theme: Works and Mercy. 5. A Committee for Mr. Youn's evangelism was appointed and started work. 6. A Committee was appointed to answer the government's taxation office. 7. Christmas Psalm singing on December 22 at Kitasuma, Kobe. 8. Fraternal delegates to the Synod of the Reformed Church of Japan. 9. Bi-monthly periodical, Prayer Wheel edited by Elder Nitta. 10. Monthly Youth Prayer Meeting under the leadership of Pastor Spear. 11. Reformation Translation Fellowship; Chairman, Spear; Clerk, Takiura. 12. Summer internship of Mr. Komuro, a Seminary student who seeks to join us.

Congregations and Mission Stations:

There are three congregations and three mission stations under our care.

1. Kasuganomichi Mission Station started its regular Bible Classes (English, Korean, Japanese and later Chinese) in September The meeting is every Thursday, in a rented room at a city owned building. Mainly Mr. Youn and Mr. Sterrett taught the classes. Korean, Japanese and Japanese-Korean attended, and now a few of them desire to have their own worship, though the present room is not appropriate for regular worship. Mr. Youn and the committee are working hard to locate a new place for their worship service. We had many new experiences during last year as a unique venture: Korean pastor working for Japanese evangelism. We will still need to go through the stages of trial and error for a while before we really come to see the whole picture of Mr. Youn's work in Japan. It requires us to change ourselves. We must have more vision. We must do more giving. For such spiritual growth, we feel, God sent us Mr. Youn. We want American brethren to help us in prayer.
2. Kitasuzurandai Mission Station welcomed their first members by confession of faith including adult baptism. The Commission appointed the provisional session for the congregation. Worship services have been changed from the afternoon to the morning of the Sabbath since September. It is hoped that more of the adherents will become members soon.
3. Mukonosoo Mission Station rejoiced to see the fruits: Two confessions of faith, including an adult baptism. A stream of newcomers is continuing among various meetings, and from time to time some begin to attend worship. There are several people who are studying in the baptismal preparatory course. The official name of the congregation was changed to Mukonosoo R.P. Church.
4. Higashisuma continues to receive blessing by confession of faith of new members. Higashisuma has the largest worship attendance among our congregations. The emphasis on the Christian family gradually gains effect in the congregation, and the difficult task of family evangelism begins to bear fruits. The building was repainted and fully repaired. The whole congregation contributed well for it.
5. Kasumigaoka had three confessions of faith, including adult baptism. Mr. Miwa consulted with the Commission about his relation to the congregation. The whole Commission visited the Kasumigaoka Session and settled the matter. There was great joy that a divorced couple converted and reunited in the congregation. Many good things are happening, but still much prayer is needed for Kasumigaoka.
6. Okamoto-Keiyaku received special leading of the Holy Spirit. Suddenly eight people desired to receive baptism or to confess their faith. The spiritual condition of the congregation itself is far from the best and rather perplexing by what happens. Please pray for the continuance of such leading, futher growth of new members as well as

humble wisdom and vision for the pastor and the congregation.

7. Local-home meetings at our members' houses continue. (A.) Dr. Sakai's clinic has some serious candidates for baptism. (B.) Mr. Muto in Ishibe has weekly children's Bible class. (C.) Mr. Maetani in Ono has bi-monthly Sabbath worship and VBS.

Finances

Income of the budget of the Commission mainly consisted of the assessments from each congregation and aid from the Foreign Mission Board for Mr. Youn's salary. The total of 1986 assessments is about Y9500 per communicant member, up 60% since last year. The FMB helps greatly with Mr. Youn's salary and housing. The Commission owes their thanks to the FMB for their generosity and understanding our present financial limitation.

Expenditures include Mr. Youn's salary, aids for three mission stations' activities, meeting expenses, summer evangelism and benevolence causes.

As to the property, three Japanese congregations have their own buildings. Kitasuzu Mission Station is paying back to the Commission to purchase their own building. All Japanese pastors are paid by their own congregation. Salaries and expenses of missionaries are paid by the FMB.

Administration of the Book Room is completely independent from the Commission and done by a board which consists of RP members and missionaries.

The officers of the Commission are: Moderator, Toshio Masunaga; Clerk Shigeru Takiura; Treasurer, Yoshio Nitta; Auditor, Toshio Shinoda.

The minutes of the session were examined and found to be in order. The statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Shigeru Takiura, Clerk

Ronald Good presented the Report of the Home Mission Board. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 2 was referred to the Committee on Finance. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

The Board of Home Missions reports that it has met twice since the last meeting of Synod. Its officers have been: Ronald Good, President; Dean Smith, Vice-President and Walter Swartz, Secretary.

Our denomination continues to enjoy the Lord's favor in growth in new places, and it is the Board's privilege to assist the presbyteries in this work. Works now, or planned to be, aided in this way are: Midwest Presbytery, Colorado Springs, Colorado; New York Presbytery, White Lake, New York, and Winsted, Connecticut; Ohio-Illinois Presbytery,

Columbus, Indiana; Pacific Coast Presbytery, Anchorage, Alaska; Presbytery of the Alleghenies, State College, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C.; St. Lawrence Presbytery, Endwell, Oswego and Rochester, New York, and Perth, Ontario.

The Board encourages participation in Evangelism Explosion Seminars by providing scholarships. The nature of provision is fifty percent of the cost or $200 per person (for a maximum of two people from each congregation) whichever is less. We have bugeted $2,000 in 1986 and the same amount in 1987 for this program. See your presbytery representative to apply for a scholarship.

Our New Work Resources Committee has expanded the *Church Extension Notebook*. This work covers the history of and principles employed by church planting endeavors in our denomination from 1945-1985. Copies are available from chairman Robert McFarland.

We have planned a seminar on church growth for Friday and Saturday, July 11-12, 1986. Dr. Donald MacNair is the scheduled speaker. He plans to focus on revitalization and to follow a lecture/discussion group format.

Another responsibility of the Board is to aid presbyteries in caring for pastors who have been released from their pastoral responsibilities. We adopted a series of policies and procedures to help us work most equitably with the various circumstances involved in these situations.

In the fall of 1985, we met in Syracuse, New York, at the same time that the St. Lawrence Presbytery met there. We joined together for two sessions. In the first, the Board's presbytery representatives presented their presbytery reports; in the second, the Board heard the reports of the congregations in the St. Lawrence Presbytery. A time of very profitable discussion followed the second session. We hope to visit the Midwest Presbytery this fall.

We keep our brethren informed of church extension through bulletin inserts, articles and prayer items in the *Covenanter Witness*, and a slide program.

Our President, Ronald Good, represents us at the annual meeting of NAPARC's Joint Home Missions Agencies. Robert McFarland and Ronald Good are our representatives on Synod's Cross-Cultural Committee.

Recommendations:

1. That the following be elected to the Board of Home Missions for the class of 1989: Keith Magill, Ohio-Illinois Presbytery Representative; Dean Smith, Presbytery of the Alleghenies Representative; Robert McFarland, At-Large member.
2. That the Board be granted $26,352 from the Reformed Presbyterian Missions and Ministries Program. Our total aid to the presbyteries for 1987 budget is $81,035.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Swartz, Secretary

Robert Henning presented the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions. Changes were noted. Items 1 and 2 were referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 3 was adopted. Item 4 was referred to the Committee on Finance. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

"May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you." Psalm 67:5

Mission Emphasis is our assignment. It is reassuring when we see a good response to a special program on Mission Emphasis such as the one sponsored by our Board along with the Home Mission Board and the Director of Educational Services and Youth Ministries. This program was held in February at Geneva College and also included the neighboring churches. The students were responsive, and we found that they are looking for leadership. Mission Emphasis is on their agenda, and we need to plan accordingly.

The Robert McCrackens arrived home January 15, 1986 from their work in the Sunbury-Melton congregation in Australia. They will be on furlough until June 30. We are grateful to God for the way they were able to serve in Australia. Continue to pray for the Church there.

We are thankful that the Gene Spears were able to return to Japan following their year-long furlough. They arrived there on July 3, 1985. They were encouraged to find that the attendance at Mukonoso had remained steady under the leadership of Charles Leach during their absence. Charles Leach began his furlough on July 12 and it was extended to one year in order for him to study at the Westminster Theological Seminary. He was married to Susan Dannels on August 24. They plan to return to Japan in June. Orlena Lynn began a short furlough on July 11 and spent most of her time doing deputation work. She returned on October 4. Her furlough time was short because of the help situation in the Book Store. God provided help in a wonderous way during her absence. Dolores Cook spent her vacation time in the U.S. and was able to confer with the Board in regard to her work. We are thankful for the progress she has made in adjusting to her ministry during her second year. The Sterretts continue in their work at Kita-Suzurandai, and their first baptismal service took place on March 30. Other steps have been taken toward the work becoming an organized congregation. We pray for continued progress in this area of our work. Greg Mann spent ten weeks in Japan. He arrived on June 12 and returned home following the Young People's Conference on August 19. He served under the Student Training in Missions program which is sponsored by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and was supervised by the Board.

On March 30 a joint communion service was held in the Keiyaku Church. Members from the five areas of ministry were present. An additional reason for giving thanks was the fact that twelve members who

were received during the previous month communed for the first time: Keiyaku had eight, Kita-Suzurandai two, and Mukonoso two.

The Japan Commission continues to oversee the ministry of the Church in Japan and the use of our missionaries. We are thankful for this leadership which is given but more importantly for their vision concerning the future growth of the church. Mr. Youn has become established in his work among Koreans and hopes to start another center of work. The budget of the Commission is very tight, so we need to pray that the Lord will provide for the various needs.

Both Marcia Elliott and Beth Carlson continue to serve in Indonesia and Malaysia, respectively under the supervision of their sessions. William Gould from State College, PA and Donald Cassell from Cambridge, MA have met with the Board with regard to serving overseas. It is the intent of the Board to pursue the possibility of a new church planting work in Liberia in response to the expressed interests of Mr. Cassell.

We continue to support the work of the Reformation Translation Fellowship by paying the salary of Charles Chao. We praise the Lord for the outreach of this work among the Chinese. We pray that someone will be prepared to take up the work.

Kelly Moore was taken under the care of the Midwest Presbytery in November and was married on January 1. He and his wife, Judy, were teaching in the Larnaca Academy. They plan to work with the Middle East Reformed Fellowship during the coming year. This Fellowship is developing services, and we have taken steps to formalize our relationship to it. Tony Iwaniuk does not plan to teach in Larnaca next year. Pray that we may know our place in this area of the world where there is such a need for the Gospel of Christ.

We remember the work of Thomas Edgar as a former teacher and principal of the Larnaca Academy. His death on February 16, 1986 has been noted in a memorial by Richard Weir on behalf of the Board and printed in the *Covenanter Witness*.

The President of the Board, Bill McElroy, along with his wife, served last fall for about two months in Zaire at the Christoffel Blind Mission. Beginning in September, they plan to take further training and to continue this work for a longer term. Bill is resigning from the Board in order to take up this work.

The Board is studying the structure which we have been using for the past years. If we are to fulfill our responsibility of leading the denomination in a missions program, we see the need for relationships with congregations and also different sources of financing. Pray that the Lord will show the Denomination and the Board the direction which we should take.

The Prayer Phone for missions information continues to be open from Saturday noon until Lord's Day morning at 9:00 AM CDT but the usage has not increased during the past year. Several have said that they in-

tend to start using it but that they forget to call. We hope that it will serve a greater segment of the church during the coming year. We appreciate your continuing prayers and pray that we may be faithful in serving the denomination.

Recommendations:

1. That since the terms of Mrs. Kenneth Smith, J. Paul McCracken and James Pennington expire, their positions be filled by nominations submitted to the Nominating Committee.
2. That since William McElroy is resigning, his unexpired term be filled from nominations submitted to the Nominating Committee.
3. That the Japan Commission be made up of all teaching elders and one ruling elder from each congregation in Japan.
4. That this Board be granted $100,000 from the R.P. Missions and Ministry Fund for 1987.

Respectfully Submitted,
R.A. Henning, Exec. Sec.

Robert Copeland reported that the Synod elected Wayne Spear by a vote of 106 to 1 to serve another term as Professor of the Seminary.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by J. Paul McCracken.

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1986; 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjounment in Olin Templin Hall, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas on Thursday, July 17, 1986 at 8:30 a.m.

The Court was constituted in prayer by Marshall Smith.

The Court was led in the worship of God by Renwick Wright. Raymond Hemphill introduced Psalm 36-B which the Court sang. Howard Elliott led in prayer. Christopher Wright read God's Word from Ephesians 2:4-10. Renwick Wright preached God's Word on the theme, "Called by the Spirit." The worship was completed with the singing of Psalm 116-A.

The minutes were read, amended and adopted.

The Roll was noted.

Kenneth McBurney announced that Elishah Ganz, daughter of Richard Ganz, a member of this Court, had an accident yesterday breaking some bones in her arm and leaving possible nerve damage. He led the Court in prayer for her and her family.

Raymond McCracken presented the following special resolution from the Atlantic Presbytery which was adopted: Inasmuch as only two of our six congregations are in New York State and there are six congregations in New York State not within bounds of our Presbytery and the balance of our congregations and new work are

spread over four other states, the New York Prebytery would respectfully request that Synod approve our change of name from New York Presbytery to Atlantic Presbytery.

Bruce Stewart presented the Report of the Committee to Rewrite the Form of Church government. He noted changes in the Report. Chapter III was debated and was returned to the Committee. Chapter 7 was debated and returned to the Committee.

Bruce Stewart presented the Report of the Graduate Study Fund. Items 1 and 2 were referred to the Committee on Finance. The Report as a whole was debated and adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDY FUND COMMITTEE

Your Committee had one request for funds during this year. Please be reminded that the conditions for such aid are set forth in the *1977 Minutes of Synod*, pp. 71-72.

Since it is the intention of the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary to ask the Synod to approve a program of study for Duncan Lowe to prepare himself to become professor of Old Testament Studies at the Seminary (he would still need to be elected to that position by the Synod at the appropriate time), and since the Synod approved this approach of going to the Graduate Study Fund for financial aid in 1966 when Wayne R. Spear was supported in his preparation to teach at the Seminary (See *1966 Minutes of Synod*, p. 26), the Board of Trustees of the Seminary is requesting $26,085 ($16,085 salary plus $10,000 housing) for 1987. The Seminary will pay tuition costs ($4000) from income on monies received for the 175th Anniversary Fund and fringe benefits.

Your Committee met on May 5, 1986, and after examining this request decided that it should be supported.

Therefore, it is our recommendation to Synod that an item of $26,085 be included in the budget of Reformed Presbyterian Missions and Ministry in 1987 so that a forgivable loan of $26,085 be granted to Duncan Lowe for his program of graduate study in preparation to teach at the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

A second request for funds has come to our Committee since the initial report was sent in to the Digest of Reports.

There is a fourth and final application from Jonathan Watt for $950 toward a Ph.D. program in Linguistics. He has already completed the course work required. His Master's thesis will have been turned in by Synod time. The comprehensive exams and his oral defense are scheduled early in 1987. His dissertation in the field of Biblical Studies (using a computer) has a target date of Spring 1989.

Your Committee has examined his application and would recommend to the Synod that an item of $950 be included in the 1987 Budget of Reformed Presbyterian Missions and Ministry so that in 1987 a forgivable loan of $950 be granted to Jonathan Watt for his program of graduate study.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph McFarland
Willard McMillan
Bruce C. Stewart, Chairman

Robert Copeland presented the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary. The Report as a whole was debated.

The Court took recess.

The Moderator called for the vote on the Report of the Trustees of the Seminary. It was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The first report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary came to the Reformed Presbytery at its meeting in 1809. Of the 157 Synod meetings since, virtually all have considered the Seminary in some way; it is the oldest agency or ministry of the denomination. We praise God for the faithful support and unflagging interest of the Church in the education of its ministers.

Faculty and Staff

Our faculty and staff have continued to render dedicated service and to maintain that sense of unity which is to be the hallmark of the Christian community. Following his election last year, William H. Russell has studied this year at Trinity Episcopal School for the Ministry, and will begin his teaching duties as Professor of Church History in the Fall of 1986. As we notified Synod in 1985, Wayne Spear's term of appointment expires in May 1987, so it is necessary to elect a Professor of Systematic Theology and Homiletics at this Synod. No additional nominations were received during the 1985 meeting of Synod. The Board nominates Dr. Spear for a seven-year term (starting in 1987) to succeed himself in that chair.

Dr. Copeland has passed the age of seventy, and has been extended for two one -year terms; he has been asked to continue through May 31, 1989; he has, however, indicated his desire to retire at that time. The Seminary Constitution, Art. V, Sec. 1 (1), specifies "When there is no incumbent, the Seminary Board shall select not less than two nor more than four names for each vacancy, which will then be subject to the approval of a majority vote of Synod; with the exception that, when prior approval has been given by Synod for a person to receive special training for a professorship, the Seminary Board may, at its option, submit the name of that person alone for appointment." The Synod of 1966 approved a program for supervised preparation for Seminary teaching. To reactivate this program and to implememt this constitutional provision, the Board, after prayerful consideration, offers Recommendation number 3 (below).

J. Renwick Wright's term as Professor of New Testament Studies will expire May 31, 1988, at which point he will have reached the age of seventy and will be ineligible for election to another term. He is being asked to extend his service one year, as provided in the Constitution of the Seminary. Both Jonathan Leach and Jonathan Watt have been encouraged to begin doctoral programs in New Testament, with a view toward being eligible for nomination to this position in five to seven years (1991-93).

Students

This year 82 students have enrolled for academic credit for on-campus courses, in addition to eleven in our extension courses and a large number of auditors. The core courses offered in evening school on a trial basis have been well-received. At Commencement on May 23, 1986, the following students received the Degree Master of Divinity: Gary Baker, Scott Johnston, and Robert Withrow (PCA), Ed Hindman and Ralph Joseph (RPCNA).

Accreditation

The process of moving toward accreditation of the Seminary was initiated by a special resolution in the Synod of 1951, indicating the church's intention to "[keep] the standards of our Seminary equal with those of other seminaries." In the providence of God, that process has made significant progress in recent years. On January 20, 1986, we received notice that the Committee on Accreditation of the Association of Theological Schools has recommended to the biennial meeting of the Association that the RPTS be granted Associate status. By the time the Synod meets we expect to have final word on the Association's action.

175th Anniversary

The Seminary has celebrated the completion of 175 years of service with a series of special events, beginning with the commemoration during the Synod of 1985. Dr. James I. Packer presented a series of guest lectures in October. Some 135 friends of the Seminary attended the Open House and dedication of the new Rare Books Room on March 15, 1986. On April 18, 200 people attended an Anniversary Banquet and heard Dr. Bob Dugan of the NAE speak. Commencement on May 23 featured President-Emeritus S. Bruce Willson as the speaker. A history of the Seminary written by Dr. Robert Copeland has been published under the title *Spare No Exertions*. The Anniversary Fund Drive, with a goal of $175,000, had by April 18 reached some $145,000 in cash and pledges. We are deeply grateful for the work of Edwin C. Clarke as chairman of the 175th Anniversary Committee, and all those who have served with him. The anniversary and the events in celebration have provided the opportunity to make the Seminary's name better known both in Pittsburgh and in the nation-wide Reformed community.

The Board

The Board of Trustees has held two regular meetings and one special meeting since the Synod of 1985. Officers have been: John H. Tweed, President; Edwin C. Clarke, Vice-President; and Robert M. Copeland, Secretary. Each member serves on one or more of the four standing committees: Executive, Finance, Buildings and Grounds, and Long-Range Planning.

In implementing its report to last year's Synod, the Seminary Board has approved the formation of an advisory council, called the President's Council, to provide liason between the administration and the non-RP constituency of the Seminary. The first meeting of this Council was on April 28, 1986.

Since the Reports for the Digest are due well before the Spring meeting of the Board, further details and additional recommendations will be brought to the Synod.

Recommendations:

1. That since the terms of Edwin C. Clarke and John H. White expire at this meeting of Synod, and since Mr. Clarke is ineligible for re-election at this time, the following be nominated for the Class of 1992: John H. White, Ronald V. Good and Donald Piper.
2. That the Seminary be granted $79,546 from the Reformed Presbyterian Missions and Ministries Fund of the Synod.
3. That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary notify the Synod that Synod will next year elect a person to fill the Chair of Biblical Languages and Old Testament Studies at the Seminary.
4. That Synod re-activate its program for supervised preparation for Seminary teaching as follows (see *Minutes of Synod, 1966*, p. 28):
   a. The Seminary Board will submit the name of a candidate for supervised study;
   b. Financial assistance, as needed, will be made available through the Graduate Study Fund, supplemented if necessary by Seminary Funds;
   c. The candidate so nominated will be considered for election by the Board and the Synod when the position is to be filled.
5. That Synod approve Pastor Duncan Lowe as a candidate to prepare for possible election to the chair of Old Testament Studies with the understanding that other men may also be encouraged to do so by the Board.
6. That Bruce C. Stewart be heard for ten minutes in behalf of the Seminary.
7. That Synod proceed to vote on the election of Wayne R. Spear to a seven year term (1987-94) as Professor of Systematic Theology and Homiletics.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert M. Copeland, Secretary

Paul Finley presented the Report of the Committee to Review Vow #8. Item 2 of the majority report was debated and adopted. Item 3 was debated.

Timothy Russell presented the preliminary ballot for final preparation for the election this afternoon. Further nominations were made and closed.

The Court took recess in prayer by the Moderator.

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1986; 1:30 P.M.

Following the singing of Psalm 108-A the Court was reconvened in prayer by Willard McMillan.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The Roll was noted.

Willard McMillan presented the Report of the Board of Education and Publications. Item 1 was adopted. In fulfillment of that item Robert McFarland, Director of Education and Youth Ministries, and Donald McCrory, Director of Publications, addressed the Court.

Timothy Russell presented the ballot for elections. Carl Mathews led in prayer. The Court voted.

The Court returned to the report of the Board of Education and Publication. Item 3 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 4 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 5 was adopted. Item 6 was adopted and referred to the Nominating Committee for implementation. Item 7 was debated.

The Court took a fifteen minute break.

Debate on item 7 was continued. It is to be voted on by secret ballot. Item 2 was debated and is to be voted on by secret ballot. Following prayer by the Moderator, the Court voted by secret ballot on items 2 and 7. Item 2 was adopted. The vote was 58 yes, 52 no and there were 2 abstentions. Item 7 was adopted. The vote was 88 yes, 22 no. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION

The Board held its semi-annual meetings in October at Geneva College and in April at the Southside Church in Indianapolis. The hospitality shown the Board and its members on these occasions was greatly appreciated. At the fall meeting Willard McMillan was elected President; Philip Beard, Vice-President; and Robert McKissick, Secretary.

Two directors continue to serve under the oversight of the Board: Donald McCrory as Director of Publications and Robert McFarland as Director of Educational Services and Youth Ministries. Both have served faithfully throughout the year. Mr. McFarland is due for re-appointment

at this meeting of Synod and the Board is recommending another two-year period.

Education and Youth Ministries:

In accord with the Board's guidance, Robert McFarland's work has been directed increasingly towards the development of educational materials. The Board has decided to review this emphasis and a committee has been appointed to re-define the director's position and report to the Board at its fall meeting.

It was decided last year that it would be unwise for the Church to try to produce a full-scale curriculum. However, work has progressed towards the production of materials for the Juniors and Young Peoples groups. A Curriculum Development Guide has been drawn up by the Director who is working with a planning committee in pursuit of the established goals. A series of topics has been selected and writers contacted.

The next international conference to be held under the oversight of this Board is scheduled for early August in 1988. Robert McFarland and Joseph Lamont made an extensive search for a more suitable location but found none with as many advantages as Carleton College. Some of the arrangements will be different in 1988 than they have been in the past and the Board accepted their recommendations.

More than 70 persons are included in the North American group planning to attend the Covenanter Holiday Convention this summer in Northern Ireland. Travel arrangements for most of them have been made by the Director, assisted by his wife, Georgia.

Publications:

The arrangements for the printing of the *Covenanter Witness* have been unsatisfactory and it has been necessary to change printers as of June 1. The editorial policy has been revised and is presented as an appendix to our report. It allows for the use of display and classified advertising.

Following the fall meeting the Board contracted with Liz Scott Enterprises for assistance in research, marketing, and promotion of Psalm-related materials. This arrangement is being continued through December.

The Publications Committee of the Board has been asked to review the material on denominational distinctives with a view to updating where necessary. In addition, the Director is to solicit new material setting forth a Biblical defense of our Church's teaching on the issues of the day.

Mr. McCrory has been pursuing graduate studies at Duquesne University in the communications field. The program requires a practicum instead of a thesis and for this the University committee and this Board have approved a multi-media introduction to the RPCNA.

Addendum

The Director of Publications, Donald McCrory, has submitted his resignation to take effect on August 15 in order to become the Executive Editor of *Eternity* magazine. Applications for the position of Director of Publications have been received, and the Board is making a proposal to Synod in conjunction with this report. The Board deeply appreciates the services rendered by Mr. McCrory and wishes him well in his new position.

Additional Information Concerning Projects in the Area of Publications:

At its fall meeting the Board set goals and took steps for marketing some materials. A Psalter selection book containing approximately two hundred selections will be marketed primarily outside the denomination. Liz Scott Enterprises was given a modest contract for the research, promotion and marketing of this and some other publications. The selection book is almost completed. The publications staff is producing a Psalter in large print and is doing the early planning of a publication for children, *Psalms Children Love* (Video/Song/Teaching Guide). It is the aim of the Board to promote the widespread use of the Psalms more than in the past. We wish to see quality publications given wide distribution, and we have therefore established a liberal publications budget. A significant portion of the monies allotted functions as a revolving fund, being replentished as the items are sold.

The keying and printing of the *Confession* and *Testimony* together is nearing completion and plans are in process for the reissuing of our *Constitution*. This can be completed only after the *Book of Church Government* has been approved.

Additional Statement Concerning Curriculum Development:

The board concluded that the Church does not have the resources for producing full-scale curriculum based on DeGraff's *Promise and Deliverance*. However, a ten-lesson unit was given to Drew and Lynne Gordon for editing and the entire project has been placed in the hands of Jerri Faris, the author of the lesson, for disposition. The "Fruit of the Spirit" studies initiated by the Covenant Fellowship Congregation is being expanded into a curriculum for a full quarter and will soon be completed.

Recommendations:

1. That the two Directors, Mr. McCrory and Mr. McFarland, address the Synod, each one for five minutes.
2. That Robert H. McFarland be re-appointed as Director of Educational Services and Youth Ministries for a period of two years.

3. That the Nominating Committee take note of the following suggestions for membership on the Board: Philip Beard (presently vice-president) to succeed himself and Richard Johnston and Robert Willson as new members (Norman Carson is not eligible for re-election and Rachel Roberts has requested that she not be nominated for a second term).
4. That Synod approve the Board's proposed budget for 1987.
5. That $3,500 be assigned from the Miscellaneous Fund to underwrite expenses incurred in 1987 planning for the 1988 International Conference.
6. That Synod appoint a long-range planning committee to consider the feasibiblity of establishing denominational headquarters and where it should be located if established.
7. That Synod approve the "Proposal for the Position of Director of Publications".

    a. That Pastor James Pennington be named Director of Publications, beginning August 15, 1986, for one year. The position would be part-time to the extent of one quarter of a full-time assignment. The Director would bear responsibility for the content of the *Covenanter Witness*. He would function where he would be living (away from the office) but would spend four separate weeks in the office.
    b. That Drew and Lynne Gordon (husband and wife) be named Managing Editors of Publications, beginning August 15, 1986, for one year. They would edit the *Covenanter Witness*, including layout, work with the printer and distribution. They would also edit and market other publications of the Church. They would work in conjunction with and be subject to the Director of Publications.
    c. That Mr. Pennington be paid a salary of $7,000 for the twelve month period.
    d. That Mr. and Mrs. Gordon be paid together a salary of $23,000 for the twelve month period.
    e. That the budgets of the Board of Education and Publication for 1986 and 1987 be adjusted in terms of a total increase of $3,000 over that originally presented to the Finance Committee to provide for this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,
Willard McMillan, President

John Duke presented the Report of the Committee on Finance. Items 1-12 were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance met three times during the 1986 Synod and has responded to all matters referred to it. Our task has been made easier by the blessing of a significant amount of undesignated bequests received during the year. A report is attached showing the activity of these undesignated funds for the years 1983-1987 (projected). The work of the deacon delegates on the Committee is greatly appreciated and we believe beneficial to the delegates and the presbyteries they represent.

Recommendations:

1. That the 1985 Audit Report be accepted as distributed and that it be printed in the Minutes of Synod.
2. That the proposed 1987 budget for the Unallocated Denominational Office Expenses be approved which includes the salary of $31,000 for the Denominatinal Treasurer (1986 salary - $27,825).
3. That the 1986 Treasurer's Report be received for information.
4. That $30,427.68 be granted from the Undesignated Funds of Synod to pay the RPM & M deficit for the year 1985 and that $40,000 be granted to the Board of Education and Publication Revolving Fund to pay for materials to be published.
5. That $27,035 be paid from the Unrestricted Undesignated Funds of Synod to the Miscellaneous Fund for the Graduate Study Program.
6. That the following 1987 salaries as recommended by the E&P Board be approved: Director of Publications - $7,000; Managing Editors - $23,000; Director of Educational Services and Youth Ministries - $26,890 (5% increase)
7. That the Travel Fund Assessment for 1987 be set at $8.00 per communicant member which is the same as 1986.
8. That Synod set the uniform contribution rate at $400 for each participant in Pension Plan "B" for 1987.
9. That Synod set the congregational assessment for 1987 to the Pension Fund at $10 per communicant member as of January 1, 1987.
10. That Paper 86-2, from the Iowa Presbytery dealing with using investments in congregations and people, be referred to Synod's Board of Trustees who are in the process of implementing policies along these lines and that the Trustees of Synod report back on this to the 1987 Synod.
11. That Paper 86-3 from the St. Lawrence Presbytery regarding pensions, pastor's salaries, et cetera, be referred to the Pension Trustees and that they report back to the 1987 Synod.
12. That $433,00 be raised in 1987 with $333,000 coming from contributions to the Reformed Presbyterian Mission and Ministry Fund and $100,000 coming from Undesignated Funds of Synod. The $433,000 will be distributed as follows:

	RPM&M Requested	RPM&M Contributed	RPM&M Undes. Fds.	Total
E&P	$131,222	$100,000	$ 30,000	$130,000
FMB	$100,000	73,100	21,900	95,000
Geneva	30,000	19,200	5,800	25,000
HMB	26,352	19,200	5,800	25,000
Pension	38,000	30,800	9,200	40,000*
Seminary	79,544	60,000	18,000	78,000
Woman's Assoc.	30,000	19,200	5,800	25,000
Misc. Fund	15,700	11,500	3,500	15,000
	$450,818	$333,000	$100,000	$433,000

*Includes a $10 per month increase in 1987 for those in Pension Plan "A".

Any funds raised above $330,000 will be distributed to the Boards.

UNRESTRICTED UNDESIGNATED FUNDS OF SYNOD

	Actual 1983	Actual 1984	Actual 1985	Actual to Projected 6/30/86	12/31/86	1987
Balance, January 1	**$ 59,234**	**$ 40,684**	**$ 36,746.86**	**$169,839.55**	**$169,840**	**$ 72,900**
Receipts						
MacLaughlin Trust	51,934	96,040	98,265.28	20,369.21	90,000	$100,000
MacLaughlin Unitrust	12,875	15,219	8,400.29			
Dudley Bequest	1,355	302	291.48	362.28	300	300
John Lucky Fund	212	226	257.27	5,431.60	5,430	
I. & J. Kitchen Fd.	151	160	182.64		185	200
Kitchen Paterson Fd.	151	160	182.65		185	200
Edith Miller Bequest			42,673.59			
C.T. Hutcheson Bequest	1,000					
Sarah Archer Annuity	5,000					
Indian Mission Oil Lease	5,273	70	70.31			
Andrew Brodie Bequest		6,831				
Clarissa Morrow Estate		31,000	37,018.00			
Carleton Conference			4,412.14			
James Blackwood Est.			11,382.63			
Robert Robb Est.			47.32			
Hattie D. DeVries Est.			29,500.00	5,925.49	5,925	
Kathryn Marshall Est.				18,350.00	20,000	
Ruth H. Smith Est.				28,286.36	28,286	
Alice Robb Est.			10,950.87		9,500	
Total Receipts	77,951	150,008	243,634.47	78,724.94	159,811	100,700
Cash Available	137,185	190,692	280,381.33	248,564.49	329,651	173,600

	Actual 1983	Actual 1984	Actual 1985	Actual to Projected 6/30/86	12/31/86	1987
Disbursements:						
R.P.M. & M.	43,501	44,200	50,000.00		130,428[1]	100,000
Education & Publications		44,026			40,000[2]	
Geneva College	18,000	25,000	35,746.78	24,437.82	59,253[3]	50,000
Foreign Mission Board						
Home Mission Board	13,000					
Seminary	9,000	32,720	16,795.00			
Woman's Association	13,000	8,000				
Denominational Office			8,000.00			
Miscellaneous Fund					27,035	
Total Disbursements	96,501	153,946	110,541.78	24,437.82	256,716	150,000
Ending Balance	$ 40,684	$ 36,746	169,839.55	224,126.67	72,935	23,600

[1]As per 1985 Synod $100,000 of Undesignated Funds is for 1986 R.P.M.&M. $30,427.68 is being requested to offset the 1985 R.P.M.&M. deficit.

[2]The Board of Education and Publications is requesting $40,000 for materials to be published in 1986.

[3]In 1985 Synod approved of "...Geneva College receiving 50% of the MacLaughlin Trust income up to $50,000 per year unless there are extenuating circumstances which would dictate otherwise." According to the policy, $14,253.22 which is due for 1985 was not distributed until 1986. Of the $90,000 income projected in 1986 from the MacLauglin Trust, $45,000 would go to Geneva.

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Trustees of the Synod of the
Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America:

We have examined the financial statements and supplemental schedules of the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (the "Trustees") as of December 31, 1985 and 1984 and for the years then ended, listed in the accompanying index. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As described in Note 6 to the financial statements, pension benefits incurred under Pension Plan "A" have been charged to expense when paid. In our opinion, generally accepted accounting principles require that amounts charged to pension expense be determined using an acceptable actuarial cost method. Use of actuarially determined costs would have resulted in an increase in pension liability of approximately $663,000, an increase in investments of $174,000 and a decrease in the unrestricted-designated fund balance of approximately $489,000 at December 31, 1985.

In our opinion, except for the effects of not accounting for pension costs in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as discussed in the preceding paragraph, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Trustees at December 31, 1985 and 1984 and the results of their operations and the changes in their fund balances for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

Our examinations were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules listed in the accompanying index are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the effect on the supplemental schedule of support and revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances of the designated fund and on the supplemental balance sheet of the designated fund of not accounting for pension expense in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as explained in the second preceding paragraph, are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Deloitte Haskins & Sells

DELOITTE HASKINS & SELLS
April 21, 1986

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1985

ASSETS	NOTES	EXPENDABLE FUNDS -- OPERATING: UNRESTRICTED UNDESIGNATED	EXPENDABLE FUNDS -- OPERATING: UNRESTRICTED DESIGNATED	EXPENDABLE FUNDS -- OPERATING: RESTRICTED	PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT FUND	NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS: ENDOWMENT	NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS: ANNUITY AND LIFE INCOME	NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS: CUSTODIAN	TOTAL FUNDS
Cash and investments	1,2,8	$141,824	$574,275	$35,726		$2,253,371	$725,774	$977,865	$4,708,835
Accounts and notes receivable		32,401	53,504	10,723					96,628
Contributions receivable	1		55,377						55,377
Accrued investment income receivable			42,918	157			11,201	13,183	67,459
Prepaid pension expense	6		25,113						25,113
Deferred student aid receivable (Net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of $19,000)	1		79,292						79,292
Inventories	1		37,354						37,354
Building loans receivable	3		313,882						313,882
Property and equipment - net	1,4				$108,029				108,029
Other assets			41,595	3,293					44,888
TOTAL		$174,225	$1,223,310	$49,899	$108,029	$2,253,371	$736,975	$991,048	$5,536,857
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED RESTRICTED AMOUNTS AND FUND BALANCES									
Accounts payable and accrued expenses			$ 126,807				$ 3,829		$ 130,636
Due to Pension Plan "B"	6		29,370						29,370
Deferred pension credit	6		19,773						19,773
Payable to denomination-related organizations	1,5						$ 84,340	$959,432	1,043,772
Revocable trusts	1							31,616	31,616
Total liabilities			175,950				88,169	991,048	1,255,167
Deferred restricted amounts	1,5			$49,899			648,806		698,705
Fund balances:									
Unrestricted:									
Designated			1,047,360		$108,029				1,155,389
Undesignated		$174,225							174,225
Restricted						$2,253,371			2,253,371
Total fund balances		174,225	1,047,360		108,029	2,253,371			3,582,985
TOTAL		$174,225	$1,223,310	$49,899	$108,029	$2,253,371	$736,975	$991,048	$5,536,857

See notes to financial statements.

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1984

		EXPENDABLE FUNDS -- OPERATING			PROPERTY	NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS			
		UNRESTRICTED			AND EQUIPMENT		ANNUITY AND		TOTAL
ASSETS	NOTES	UNDESIGNATED	DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED	FUND	ENDOWMENT	LIFE INCOME	CUSTODIAN	FUNDS
Cash and investments	1,2,8	$ 28,216	$454,769	$ 47,057		$2,144,781	$694,481	$933,825	$4,303,129
Accounts and notes receivable		5,119	23,408	10,723				1,292	40,542
Contributions receivable	1		73,920						73,920
Accrued investment income receivable			39,036	120			10,043	10,581	59,780
Prepaid pension expense	6		43,907						43,907
Deferred student aid receivable (Net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of $18,000)	1		91,945						91,945
Inventories	1		42,825						42,825
Building loans receivable	3		358,298						358,298
Property and equipment - net	1,4				$91,055				91,055
Other assets			23,103	1,716					24,819
TOTAL		$ 33,335	$1,151,211	$ 59,616	$91,055	$2,144,781	$704,524	$945,698	$5,130,220
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED RESTRICTED AMOUNTS AND FUND BALANCES									
Accounts payable and accrued expenses			$101,978				$ 2,335		$ 104,313
Due to Pension Plan "B"	6		8,529						8,529
Deferred pension credit	6		38,567						38,567
Payable to denomination-related organizations	1,5						80,148	$945,698	1,025,846
Total liabilities			149,074				82,483	945,698	1,177,255
Deferred restricted amounts	1,5			$ 59,616			622,041		681,657
Fund balances:									
Unrestricted:									
Designated			1,002,137		$91,055				1,093,192
Undesignated		$ 33,335							33,335
Restricted						$2,144,781			2,144,781
Total fund balances		33,335	1,002,137		91,055	2,144,781			3,271,308
TOTAL		$ 33,335	$1,151,211	$ 59,616	$91,055	$2,144,781	$704,524	$945,698	$5,130,220

See notes to financial statements.

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, EXPENSES,
CAPITAL ADDITIONS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1985

	NOTES	EXPENDABLE FUNDS -- OPERATING			PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT FUND	NONEXPENDABLE ENDOWMENT FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
		UNRESTRICTED					
		UNDESIGNATED	DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED			
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:							
Contributions to Synod's budget			$ 284,572				$ 284,572
Other contributions		$ 4,412	85,993				90,405
Bequests		239,222	113,657				352,879
Investment income		83,136	215,784	$ 7,163			306,083
Sales of publications, etc.			42,932				42,932
Tuition, fees and assessments			156,814				156,814
Net gain on investment transactions			21,956	442			22,398
Rental income			32,308				32,308
Other income			47,526	9,717			57,243
Total		326,770	1,001,542	17,322			1,345,634
EXPENSES:							
Home mission			69,050				69,050
Theological seminary			324,396		$ 12,901		337,297
Foreign mission			214,550				214,550
Education and publication			141,084		1,860		142,944
Pensions			180,626				180,626
Grants		35,747					35,747
Miscellaneous			99,507	9,851	2,677		112,035
General office and administration		69,092					69,092
Total		104,839	1,029,213	9,851	17,438		1,161,341
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE CAPITAL ADDITIONS, ETC.		221,931	(27,671)	7,471	(17,438)		184,293
CAPITAL ADDITIONS - Net gain on investment transactions						$ 108,590	108,590
AMORTIZATION OF OVERFUNDING OF PENSION PLAN "B"	6		18,794				18,794
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS:							
From undesignated for designated activities		(65,759)	65,759				
From unrestricted for equipment acquisitions		(15,282)	(19,130)		34,412		
From restricted to unrestricted designated	5		7,471	(7,471)			
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		33,335	1,002,137	NIL	91,055	2,144,781	3,271,308
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR		$174,225	$1,047,360	NIL	$108,029	$2,253,371	$3,582,985

See notes to financial statements.

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, EXPENSES,
CAPITAL ADDITIONS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984

	NOTES	EXPENDABLE FUNDS -- OPERATING			PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT FUND	NONEXPENDABLE ENDOWMENT FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
		UNRESTRICTED					
		UNDESIGNATED	DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED			
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:							
Contributions to Synod's budget			$307,632				$ 307,632
Other contributions			60,343				60,343
Bequests		$150,009	9,459				159,468
Investment income		78,150	201,431	$ 7,465			287,046
Sales of publications, etc.			40,045				40,045
Tuition, fees and assessments			132,944				132,944
Net gain on investment transactions			38,851	[illegible]			39,709
Rental income			29,391				29,391
Other income			156,089	440			156,529
Total		228,159	976,185	8,763			1,213,107
EXPENSES:							
Home mission			75,000				75,000
Theological seminary			276,743		$ 11,580		288,323
Foreign mission			211,783				211,783
Education and publication			144,470		1,097		145,567
Pensions			185,296				185,296
Grants		33,000					33,000
Miscellaneous			100,233	6,003			106,236
General office and administration		75,142			670		75,812
Total		108,142	993,525	6,003	13,347		1,121,017
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE CAPITAL ADDITIONS, ETC.		120,017	(17,340)	2,760	(13,347)		92,090
CAPITAL ADDITIONS - Net gain on investment transactions						$ 237,153	237,153
AMORTIZATION OF OVERFUNDING OF PENSION PLAN "B"	6		21,219				21,219
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS:							
From undesignated for designated activities		(126,253)	126,253				
From unrestricted for equipment acquisitions		(1,113)	(16,199)		17,312		
From restricted to unrestricted designated	5		2,760	(2,760)			
From custodian funds	5		5,000				5,000
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		40,684	880,444	NIL	87,090	1,907,628	2,915,846
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR		$ 33,335	$1,002,137	NIL	$ 91,055	$2,144,781	$3,271,308

See notes to financial statements.

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General - The financial statements of the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (the "Trustees"), a non-profit corporation organized in Pennsylvania, have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Basis of Presentation - The Synod is the highest court in the denomination known as the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. The Trustees hold title to property and are responsible to the Synod for managing and reporting on the financial condition of the denomination. The financial activities are accomplished through various boards and committees of the Synod. Congregations and domestic and foreign missions are sanctioned by the Synod through such boards and seven regional Presbyteries. The accompanying financial statements include the assets, liabilities, fund balances and financial activities of the Trustees and of various boards and committees.

Although sanctioned by the Synod, domestic congregations and missions and foreign mission fields of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America do not have financial accountability to the Trustees. Accordingly, the assets, liabilities, fund balances and financial activities of such organizations are not included in the accompanying financial statements, although the Trustees hold title to certain assets of active and inactive domestic missions and congregations and in foreign mission fields. Periodically, certain of these assets, to which the Trustees hold title, are sold. Proceeds from the sale of such assets are recorded at the time of disposition. Further, funds disbursed in support of domestic and foreign mission fields are charged to expense in the accompanying financial statements.

Funds - The accounts of the Trustees are classified for accounting purposes into funds, established according to their nature and purpose. These accounts (or individual funds) have been grouped in the accompanying financial statements in accordance with certain characteristics as explained below.

. Expendable funds - operating, consisting of the following:

.. Undesignated funds, representing expendable unrestricted funds which are available, at the discretion of the Synod, for support of any operations, functions or other matters.

.. Designated funds, representing expendable unrestricted funds which have been designated by the Synod, through the establishment of various boards, for investment and revenue support of a particular purpose or program. Revenues earned from investment of such funds also are designated for use.

.. Restricted funds which have been designated by donors, grantors or other outside parties for support of particular purposes.

. Property and equipment fund, representing the total carrying value of real estate, buildings, library, fixtures and equipment, substantially all of which are designated by the Synod for use as a Theological Seminary.

. Nonexpendable funds, consisting of the following:

.. Endowment funds (including term endowments) that are subject to restrictions of gift instruments or of other means of conveyance requiring in perpetuity, or until the occurrence of some remote event, that the principal be invested and only the income used.

.. Annuity and life income funds that are subject to agreements whereby assets are made available to the Trustees on the condition that the Trustees be bound to pay to the donor or other designated person or organization a stipulated amount or the income earned on fund assets for a period of time specified in the agreements. The balances in such funds are reported as deferred restricted amounts and any excesses of income over required disbursements are generally reported as unrestricted income. Under the terms of certain agreements, denomination-related organizations have directed the Trustees to reinvest income earned on fund assets to which they are otherwise entitled to receive. The total amount of such income reinvested is reported as payable to denomination-related organizations.

.. Custodian funds that represent funds received by the Trustees from congregations, Presbyteries, other denomination-related organizations and individuals which are invested for the benefit of and are returnable upon request to such sources. Such funds are reported as either payable to denomination-related organizations or as revocable trusts.

Expendable Operating Restricted Resources - Operating funds which have been restricted by the donor, grantor or other outside party for particular operating purposes are deemed to be earned and reported as revenues of expendable operating restricted funds to the extent the Trustees have incurred expenditures in compliance with the specific restrictions. Amounts received but not yet earned are reported as deferred restricted amounts.

Property and Equipment - Land, buildings and improvements, and furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost or estimated fair value at date of gift. Proceeds from sale of fixed assets are transferred to expendable operating unrestricted funds. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets on a straight-line basis.

Cash and Investments - The cash and investment amounts for all funds of the Trustees are commingled and are allocated for financial reporting purposes based on fund balance, assets (other than cash and investments) and liabilities. Investments are recorded at the lower of cost (or fair market value at date of gift) or market. Net realized gain or loss on disposition of investments is the difference between the proceeds received and the average cost of investments sold.

Substantially all investments are pooled and allocation of income (ordinarily income and gains and losses upon sale or other disposition of investments) to the various funds is accomplished using the market value unit method. Substantially all ordinary income from investments of endowment funds is restricted for support of particular purposes. These purposes are usually broad enough to be encompassed within one of the designated boards of the Synod.

Other Matters - Inventories (principally religious publications) are carried at the lower of average cost or market.

Contributions received during early January from congregations and individuals are recorded as receivables when such amounts relate to the prior year's budget. Such contributions are recorded as expendable operating funds, unrestricted.

Advances made to eligible seminary students for payment of tuition, summer training fees and living expenses (deferred student aid receivable) are recorded as a deferred charge and are amortized to expense, usually over a period of five years from the date that the graduate seminarian begins service for the Synod. Only if the student or graduate does not provide service to the Synod must actual repayment be made. An allowance for uncollectible student aid has been established for potentially uncollectible amounts.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The market values of cash and investments by fund group are as follows at December 31, 1985 and 1984:

Fund Group	Market Values - December 31 1985	1984
Expendable funds - operating:		
Unrestricted - undesignated	$ 228,465	$ 40,075
Unrestricted - designated	925,102	645,906
Restricted	57,550	66,835
Nonexpendable funds:		
Endowment	3,554,937	3,008,234
Annuity and life income	1,169,152	986,367
Custodian	1,555,932	1,326,306
Total	$7,491,138	$6,073,723

Cash and investments at December 31, 1985 and 1984 are composed of the following:

	1985		1984	
	Carrying Value	Market Value	Carrying Value	Market Value
Cash in bank	$ 87,040	$ 87,040	$ 44,055	$ 44,055
Paine Webber Cashfund	383,510	383,510	387,112	387,112
U.S. Government obligations	356,367	383,700	60,445	56,525
U. S. Government agency securities	558,862	588,267	664,143	664,898
Corporate common stocks	1,677,363	4,465,918	1,618,918	3,502,772
Corporate bonds	1,044,238	937,564	1,012,281	843,759
Corporate preferred stocks			103,450	118,193
General mortgages receivable	375,523	375,523	218,409	218,409
Investment in real estate	194,316	238,000	194,316	238,000
Revocable trust cash fund	31,616	31,616		
Total	$4,708,835	$7,491,138	$4,303,129	$6,073,723

General mortgages receivable are due over periods from one to twenty years and bear annual interest ranging from 5% to 15%. The aggregate annual amounts of maturities of general mortgages receivable at December 31, 1985 are as follows:

Year Ending	Amount
1986	$189,389
1987	31,838
1988	21,289
1989	11,482
1990	12,679
After 1990	108,846
Total	$375,523

The general mortgages receivable at December 31, 1985 and 1984 are due from the following groups:

	1985	1984
Congregations of the denomination	$266,394	$124,957
Ministers of the denomination	45,487	50,761
Members of the denomination	10,998	11,383
Commercial	52,644	31,308
Total	$375,523	$218,409

The following summarizes the changes in relationships between carrying values and market values of cash and investments for the years ended December 31, 1985 and 1984:

	Carrying Value	Market Value	Unrealized Appreciation 1985	Unrealized Appreciation 1984
December 31, 1985	$4,708,835	$7,491,138	$2,782,303	
December 31, 1984	$4,303,129	$6,073,723	1,770,594	$1,770,594
January 1, 1984	$3,702,079	$5,691,637		1,989,558
(Decrease) Increase in unrealized appreciation for the year			$1,011,709	$ (218,964)
Realized net gain for the year			$ 201,399	$ 434,144

During the years ended December 31, 1985 and 1984, the average annual yield on investments excluding realized net gains (calculated by dividing total dividends, interest, and net rental income earned on investments during the year by the average of the beginning of the year and end of the year

carrying value of investments, excluding cash in bank) was 9.7% and 9.2%, respectively, and the annual total return (calculated by dividing total dividends, interest, net rental income and realized net gains earned on investments during the year by the average of the beginning of the year and end of the year carrying value of investments, excluding cash in bank) was 14.3% and 20.1%, respectively.

3. BUILDING LOANS RECEIVABLE

Substantially all of the building loans receivable at December 31, 1985 and 1984 have been granted by the Building Loan Committee at interest rates ranging from 1% to 13% for the purchase or construction of residences or church buildings. Such loans are generally made to either ministers, employees of the Synod, or congregations. At December 31, 1985 and 1984 the composition of the balances receivable were due from:

	December 31	
	1985	1984
Congregations and denominational boards	$226,643	$226,841
Ministers of the denomination	54,946	63,074
Employees of the Synod	5,731	6,805
Other	26,562	61,578
Total	$313,882	$358,298

4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The components of property and equipment at December 31, 1985 and 1984 are as follows:

	December 31	
	1985	1984
Buildings and improvements	$210,203	$210,203
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	84,811	51,448
Total	295,014	261,651
Less accumulated depreciation	186,985	170,596
Property and equipment - net	$108,029	$ 91,055

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 1985 and 1984 totaled $17,438 and $13,347, respectively.

5. CHANGES IN DEFERRED RESTRICTED AMOUNTS AND IN PAYABLE TO DENOMINATION-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

	Expendable Funds Deferred Restricted	Annuity and Life Income Funds Payables	Annuity and Life Income Funds Deferred	Custodian Funds - Payables
Balances at January 1, 1984	$49,539	$70,681	$559,328	$776,282
Additions:				
Investment income	7,465	418	7,323	46,241
Net gains on investment transactions	858	9,049	60,062	88,130
Contributions	10,517			113,244
Deductions-funds expended	(6,003)		(4,672)	(73,199)
Transfer to unrestricted: Designated	(2,760)			(5,000)
Balances at December 31, 1984	59,616	80,148	622,041	945,698
Additions:				
Investment income	7,163	4,732	47,360	63,624
Net gains on investment transactions	442	4,142	27,486	37,098
Contributions				36,555
Deductions-funds expended	(9,851)	(4,682)	(48,081)	(91,927)
Transfer to unrestricted: Designated	(7,471)			
Balances at December 31, 1985	$49,899	$84,340	$648,806	$991,048

6. PENSION PLANS

There are two pension plans (Plan "A" and Plan "B") which were adopted effective January 1, 1974 and together cover all ministers, missionaries and employees of the Synod. Effective January 1, 1984, the provisions of Plan "B" were restated. Reasonably comprehensive actuarial reports and valuations are not available for Plan "B". Accordingly, the amounts, if any, of past service cost, vested benefits, "normal" cost and accrued pension fund liability have not

been determined. However, the final determination of such amounts is not expected to have a material effect on the accompanying financial statements.

Under Plan "A", the Trustees charge pension benefits to expense as incurred and credit investment income and net gain on investment transactions to revenue. Generally accepted accounting principles require that pension expense be determined using an acceptable actuarial cost method. Use of actuarially determined costs as of the most recent valuation (January 1, 1984) for Plan "A" would have resulted in an increase in pension liability of approximately $663,000, an increase in investments of $174,000 and a decrease in the unrestricted-designated fund balance of approximately $489,000 as of December 31, 1985. A further description of the two pension plans and the related accounting policies follows:

Plan "A" - Plan "A" is non-contributory and covers basically ministers, missionaries and employees of the Synod who were age 55 and over on January 1, 1974, the date of adoption of the plan. This plan is self-administered and pension benefits, which are charged to pension expense, are substantially all paid from ordinary investment income, proceeds of sales of certain investments or funds transferred from the Pension Board. The accompanying financial statements include the following assets, fund balances and revenue and expense amounts related to Plan "A":

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, ETC.

	Unrestricted designated	Endowment	Total
Year Ended December 31, 1985			
Investment income, etc.	$ 23,224*		$ 23,224
Net gain on investment transactions	$ 12,118	$10,701	$ 22,819
Pensions expense (pension benefits paid)	$113,083		$113,083
Year Ended December 31, 1984			
Investment income, etc.	$ 25,050*		$ 25,050
Net gain on investment transactions	$ 17,751	$24,613	$ 42,364
Pensions expense (pension benefits paid)	$103,094		$103,094

* Includes $22,525 and $17,555 in 1985 and 1984, respectively, earned on endowment fund assets.

BALANCE SHEET

	Unrestricted designated	Endowment	Total
December 31, 1985			
Cash and investments, at carrying value	$69,430	$210,835	$280,265
Receivables	4,985		4,985
Total assets and fund balances	$74,415	$210,835	$285,250
December 31, 1984			
Cash and investments, at carrying value	$107,042	$200,134	$307,176
Receivables	5,114		5,114
Total assets and fund balances	$112,156	$200,134	$312,290

As of the most recent valuation (January 1, 1984), the present value of accumulated vested benefits approximated $663,000 and the market value of the net assets available for plan benefits approximated $431,000. An 11% assumed rate of return was used in determining the present value of accumulated vested benefits. There are no non-vested accumulated benefits.

Plan "B"

Plan "B" is contributory and covers substantially all ministers, missionaries and employees of the Synod who are not covered under Plan "A". Total pension expense for the years ended December 31, 1985 and 1984 was $39,635 and $47,772, respectively, which includes amortization of past service cost over an average period of approximately 25 years, and is recorded under unrestricted-designated. The Trustees' policy is to fund pension costs accrued. Plan "B" is administered and the funds are invested by the Pension Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. The estimated amount of vested benefits as of December 31, 1985 is less than the amount of the net assets of Plan "B".

During 1984, an evaluation of Plan "B" was performed by the Pension Trustees and it was determined that the Plan was overfunded by approximately $60,000. In 1984, this excess was recorded as prepaid pension expense and a deferred pension credit on the balance sheet and is being amortized in relation to the annual employer contribution. Also included in prepaid pension expense are forfeitures of

non-vested employer contributions resulting from withdrawals from the Plan by participants. The amounts classified as Due to Pension Plan "B" represent employee contributions received by the Trustees that had not been invested in the Plan at year end.

7. CONTINGENT ASSETS

Approximately $500,000 of assets (based on December 31, 1985 exchange rates) are held in blocked accounts in Cyprus. The assets consist of $135,000 in cash and $365,000 in mortgages receivable. The government of Cyprus has authorized the Trustees to remove from Cyprus, on an annual basis, 5,000 Cypriot pounds ($9,200 at December 31, 1985 exchange rates) plus interest earned on the assets. Because of the restrictions imposed on these assets and the uncertainty with regard to their realization, they are not recorded as assets by the Trustees until received. Approximately $21,600 and $50,700 were received in 1985 and 1984, respectively.

8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Trustees have co-signed a mortgage with the Westminster, Colorado congregation for the purchase of property for that congregation. The unpaid principal balance of the mortgage at December 31, 1985 is approximately $48,500.

On January 1, 1982, the Trustees entered into a credit agreement with the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association to lend up to $750,000 to the Association over the next four years. As part of this agreement, the Trustees have deposited with a bank approximately $88,000 of securities (with a market value at December 31, 1985 of $1,100,400) as a guarantee of performance. This commitment expired January 1, 1986.

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF THE DESIGNATED FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1985

			Theological Seminary				Foreign Missions			Education and Publication			Programs				
	Synod	Home Mission Board	Seminary	Seminary Subsidiaries	Student Aid	Seminary Apartment Building	Total	Board	Board Subsidiaries	Total	Board	Revolving Funds	Total	Plan "A"	Board	Total	Miscellaneous (See Note Below)	Total Designated
Support and revenue:																		
Contributions to Synod's budget	$ 284,572						$ 83,082	$ 2,700		$ 2,700	$ 100		$ 100					$ 286,572
Other contributions		$ 101	$ 44,644	$ 7,645	$ 8,783		104,702	7,433		7,433							$ 36,420	95,993
Bequests			104,202				29,477	80,633		80,633	3,764		3,764	$ 23,224		$ 23,224	4,364	215,784
Investment income		48,287	23,304		8,271						19,284	$19,352	38,536				27,730	43,932
Sales of publications, etc.							62,044								847,010	47,010		156,814
Tuition, fees and assessments			62,046				7,343	1,160		1,160	1,335		1,335	12,118		12,118		71,954
Net gain on investment transactions			7,374		69		30,300										2,000	32,300
Rental income						$ 30,308	6,408	201	$23,043	23,044	344	3,055	3,399		8,507	8,507	9,693	47,576
Other income		2,075	927	3,256	225													
Total support and revenue	284,572	50,463	244,319	10,921	13,348	30,308	322,886	92,168	23,043	114,791	24,827	23,307	47,734	23,342	73,317	115,659	76,247	1,001,347
Expenses:																		369,793
Salaries and wages			103,184	8,344			173,928	133,382		133,382	61,483		61,483	113,083	39,635	152,718		152,719
Pensions																		94,163
Presbytery aid		36,163																45,951
Maintenance and supplies			20,792	20,219		1,498	42,709				2,581	381	2,962					58,844
Publications and books			8,263				8,763				32,927	9,586	42,513				9,888	57,133
Travel		6,736	2,498				3,498	9,025		9,025	12,865		12,865		2,234	2,234	23,783	33,256
Field								33,226		33,226								33,226
Utilities			10,961			6,702	21,663				1,359		1,359					23,022
Hospitalization			8,627				8,627	8,774		8,774	3,177		3,177					27,579
Rent											2,131		2,131					2,131
Social Security			2,791	199			3,990	2,632		2,632	7,625		7,625					8,047
Insurance			6,105			1,794	7,389	1,000		1,000	895		895		10,775	10,775	587	20,844
Other board expenses		1,834	6,450				6,450	6,849		6,849	1,507		1,507		515	515		17,355
Miscellaneous		4,327	12,686	3,116	23,634	7,275	48,679	15,863	4,000	19,863	1,317	6,270	7,587		14,362	14,362	64,049	160,986
Uncollectible student aid					1,000		1,000											1,000
Total expenses		49,060	235,535	32,278	24,634	16,269	374,394	210,350	4,000	214,350	126,867	16,237	143,084	113,083	67,543	180,626	99,307	1,029,212
Excess (Deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses	284,572	(18,607)	15,784	(21,357)	(11,306)	15,399	(1,500)	(118,602)	18,643	(99,759)	(100,740)	6,990	(93,350)	(77,741)	7,974	(69,767)	(29,280)	(27,671)
Amortization of overfunding of Pension Plan "B"															18,794	18,794		18,794
Transfers between funds or boards, etc:																		
From Synod's budget	(315,000)	30,205	77,672				77,672	89,042		89,042	86,301		86,301				51,780	
Between boards, etc.			9,318	8,639	3,400	(15,133)	6,234	45,000	(45,000)		(5,214)	(3,000)	(8,214)	48,000	(48,000)		8,220	67,758
From (to) undesignated		4,795	20,173	10,414			30,587	10,958		10,958	(2,500)	13,699	11,199					(19,345)
To property and equipment fund			(16,646)			(266)	(16,910)				(6,220)		(6,220)					7,473
From restricted					3,343		3,143	4,328		4,328								
From custodian funds																		
Fund balance at beginning of year	-	6,951	142,024	7,229	84,537	-	225,810	61,857	97,683	159,540	26,236	21,235	47,471	112,154	9,887	122,041	440,101	1,002,137
Fund balance at end of year	$ (30,428)	$23,344	$250,307	$4,915	$ 81,794	-	$327,018	$ 52,283	$ 71,326	$124,109	$12,383	$38,925	$51,308	$ 74,414	$(3,335)	$ 71,080	$430,821	$1,042,340

Note: Miscellaneous funds includes distributions from Synod's budget to Geneva College and the Women's Association.

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE - BALANCE SHEET OF THE DESIGNATED FUND, DECEMBER 31, 1985

			Theological Seminary				Foreign Missions			Education and Publication			Pensions				
ASSETS	Synod	Home Mission Board	Seminary	Seminary Subsidiaries	Student Aid	Total	Board	Board Subsidiaries	Total	Board	Revolving Funds	Total	Plan "A"	Board	Total	Miscellaneous	Total Designated
Cash and investments	$ 40,556	$ 6,352	$221,022	$ 3,572	$ 2,787	$227,781	$ 14,557	$71,326	$85,883	$ (7,184)	$ (679)	$ (7,863)	$ 69,430	$ 16,252	$ 85,682	$135,884	$ 574,275
Accounts and notes receivable		25	22,286	1,894	65	24,245	9,574		9,574	3,214	2,725	5,939		7,173	7,173	3,549	33,506
Contributions receivable		5,311	13,650			13,650	12,139		12,139	15,173		15,173				9,104	55,377
Accrued investment income receivable		12,231	6,503			6,503	16,985		16,985	1,410		1,410	4,985		4,985	804	42,918
Prepaid pension expense														25,113	25,113		25,113
Deferred student aid receivable (Net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of $19,000)					79,292	79,292											79,292
Inventories											37,354	37,354					37,354
Building loans receivable																313,882	313,882
Other assets	15,023															26,572	41,595
Total assets	$ 55,579	$ 23,919	$264,461	$ 5,466	$ 82,344	$352,471	$ 53,255	$71,326	$124,581	$ 12,613	$ 39,400	$ 52,013	$ 74,415	$ 48,538	$122,953	$491,796	$1,223,310
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES																	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$ 86,007	$ 575	$ 14,154	$ 951	$ 350	$ 15,455	$ 472		$ 472	$ 230	$ 475	$ 705		$ 2,730	$ 2,730	$ 20,863	$ 124,807
Due to pension plan "B"														29,370	29,370		29,370
Deferred pension credit														19,773	19,773		19,773
Total liabilities	86,007	575	14,154	951	350	15,455	472		472	230	475	705		51,873	51,873	20,863	173,950
Fund balances - unrestricted designated	(30,428)	23,344	250,307	4,515	81,994	337,016	52,783	$71,326	124,109	12,383	38,925	51,308	$ 74,415	(3,335)	71,080	470,933	1,049,360
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 55,579	$ 23,919	$264,461	$ 5,466	$ 82,344	$352,471	$ 53,255	$71,326	$124,581	$ 12,613	$ 39,400	$ 52,013	$ 74,415	$ 48,538	$122,953	$491,796	$1,223,310

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31,1985

Amount	Security	Rate	Maturity Date	Carrying Value	Market Value
	Cash & Equivalents				
	Paine Webber CashFund			$383,509.88	$383,510
	U.S. Gov't. Obligations				
50,000	U.S. Treasury Note	8.000	8/15/86	50,020.00	50,125
10,000	U.S. Treasury Bond	7.500	8/15/93	10,425.00	9,575
150,000	U.S. Treasury Bond	10.500	4/15/90	145,500.00	159,750
150,000	U.S. Treasury Bond	11.375	5/15/90	150,421.88	164,250
	Total U.S. Gov't. Obligations			356,366.88	383,700
	Government Agency Securities				
150,000	Federal Nat'l. Mortgage Assn.	10.950	11/10/86	149,812.50	153,750
150,000	Federal Nat'l. Mortgage Assn.	11.050	2/10/87	149,156.25	154,875
100,000	Federal Home Loan Bank	11.900	3/26/90	101,750.00	110,000
158,032	Gov't. Nat'l. Mortgage Assn.	11.500	3/15/13	158,143.01	169,642
	Total Gov't. Agency Sec.			558,861.76	588,267
	Corporate Bonds				
25,000	Household Finance Corp.	8.300	1/01/86	25,593.75	25,000
100,000	Union Bank	11.500	10/24/86	100,000.00	100,000
9,000	Pacific Gas & Electric	4.500	12/01/86	6,986.00	8,685
100,000	Columbia Savings & Loan	11.850	10/24/87	100,000.00	100,000
100,000	Glendale Savings & Loan	10.700	5/29/90	100,000.00	100,000
50,000	Wisconsin Electric Power	5.000	11/15/90	36,000.00	39,625
10,000	Bethlehem Steel Corp.	5.400	1/15/92	8,400.00	6,850
40,000	So. Calif. Edison	6.375	2/15/93	34,100.00	31,200
15,000	American Sugar Co.	5.300	4/02/93	13,381.11	10,800
50,000	Phila. Electric Company	4.500	5/01/94	32,812.50	33,000
50,000	Northern States Power	6.125	6/01/95	40,000.00	36,250
5,000	Monongahela Power Co.	5.500	3/01/96	5,016.94	3,300
10,000	American Tel. & Tel.	5.500	1/01/97	7,675.00	6,700
50,000	Public Serv. Colorado	5.875	7/01/97	38,500.00	33,000
25,000	Duke Power Company	7.000	1/01/99	23,176.84	18,625
10,000	Massachusetts Electric	7.625	5/01/99	9,822.01	7,750
10,000	Houston Lighting	7.500	6/01/99	10,208.33	7,600
40,000	Continental Oil Co.	7.500	7/15/99	39,000.00	32,850
10,000	Ohio-Edison Company	8.250	9/01/99	10,231.25	7,600

Amount	Security	Rate	Maturity Date	Carrying Value	Market Value
50,000	Union Electric Co.	8.250	10/01/99	49,000.00	38,500
50,000	Delmarva Pwr. & Lgt.	8.750	1/01/00	50,375.00	42,500
40,000	Marathon Oil Company	8.500	2/01/00	40,400.00	32,750
40,000	General Tel. Co. Fla.	8.625	3/01/00	39,892.00	32,800
50,000	Georgia Power Co.	8.625	4/01/00	48,500.00	39,750
24,000	Virginia Electric Pwr.	9.000	4/01/00	24,060.00	19,920
50,000	Carolina Pwr. & Lgt.	8.750	8/01/00	50,875.00	40,625
20,000	Hawaiian Electric Co.	9.000	10/01/00	20,800.00	17,675
25,000	Mobil Corporation	8.500	6/15/01	25,712.50	22,156
15,000	American Tel. & Tel.	7.125	12/01/03	14,587.00	11,456
5,000	Bell Telephone of PA	6.750	5/01/08	5,040.15	3,200
25,000	New York Telephone	7.500	3/01/09	24,192.88	17,437
	Total Corp. Bonds			1,034,338.26	927,604
	Convertible Bonds				
10,000	Burlington Industries	5.000	9/15/91	8,900.00	9,100
1,000	Xerox Corporation	6.000	11/01/95	1,000.00	860
	Total Conv. Bonds			9,900.00	9,960
	TOTAL FIXED INCOME HOLDINGS			2,342,976.78	2,293,041
	Common Stocks				
	Consumer Services				
100	Weis Markets			4,075.00	4,075
	Health Care				
5,600	Abbott Laboratories			62,669.70	382,900
2,000	Johnson & Johnson			98,957.50	105,250
1,052	Pfizer, Inc.			26,662.85	53,257
	Total Health Care			188,290.05	541,407
	Consumer Non-Durable Goods				
747	Colgate-Palmolive Co.			18,208.02	24,464
1,788	Eastman Kodak Company			4,660.72	90,070
12,480	H.J. Heinz Company			61,243.66	404,040
	Total Con. Non-Durable Goods			84,112.40	518,574
	Consumer Durable Goods				
1,000	General Motors Corporation			13,650.00	70,375

Amount	Security	Carrying Value	Market Value
	Producer Durable Goods		
5,000	Brockway Inc.	136,241.28	140,000
4,200	General Electric Company	67,259.28	305,550
4,000	W.W. Grainger, Inc.	115,560.00	153,500
100	General Motors CL E	1,943.75	4,050
50	General Motors CL H		1,912
	Total Prod. Durable Goods	321,004.28	605,012
	Materials		
3,000	Dow Chemical Company	106,812.88	123,000
2,000	Fluor Corporation	42,845.13	31,000
1,800	Battle Mountain Gold	882.00	22,275
	Total Materials	150,540.01	176,275
	Energy: Fuels		
1,800	Pennzoil Company	4,725.00	115,200
3,000	Ensearch	88,650.00	66,750
	Total Energy: Fuels	93,375.00	181,950
	Energy: Utilities		
5,900	Kansas Power & Light	170,033.88	234,525
1,000	Texas Eastern Corp.	29,500.00	35,000
3,000	Wisconsin Elect. Pwr. Co.	64,736.50	119,250
2,200	Allegheny Power Systems Inc.	73,478.05	72,875
	Total Energy: Utilities	337,748.43	461,650
	Communications & Information		
10,000	Dun & Bradstreet Corp.	3,975.00	837,500
1,828	I.B.M. Corporation	111,704.69	284,254
	Total Com. & Info.	115,679.69	1,121,754
	Communication Utilities		
2,400	American Tel. & Tel.	23,065.02	60,000
1,350	G.T.E. Corporation	41,581.75	62,100
	Total Com. Utilities	64,646.77	122,100

Amount	Security	Carrying Value	Market Value
	Finance		
2,000	Calfed, Inc.	45,750.00	54,750
2,307	Fifth Third Bancorp	36,527.50	147,071
8,000	F.N.C. Financial Corp.	63,399.88	278,000
	Total Finance	145,677.38	479,821
	Insurance		
4,000	U.S. F & G Corp.	140,787.38	156,000
	Multi-Industry Companies		
300	Minnesota Min. & Manuf.	17,776.45	26,925
	TOTAL COMMON STOCK	1,677,362.84	4,465,918
	GRAND TOTALS	$4,020,339.62	$6,758,959

The Moderator announced the appointment of Sidney Van Camp, Ronald Good, and Louis Hutmire to the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

The Court took recess in prayer by John Tweed.

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1986; 7:30 P.M.

After the singing of Psalm 31-D the Court was reconvened in prayer by Howard Huizing.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The Roll was noted.

Timothy Russell gave a partial Report of the Nominating Committee and held a run-off election.

Glenn McFarland presented the Report of the Temperance Committee. The recommendation was referred to the Nominating Committee. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We praise our Triune God and Savior for restraining Satan this past year in His Church through His Holy Spirit. We thank Him for working in His Church to accomplish His purpose of presenting her to Himself without spot or blemish by His continual sanctification.

This year your Temperance Committee sent out three newsletters and submitted one article to the *Covenanter Witness* for publication. All of these had as their purpose the quickening of the Reformed Presbyterian membership to a greater individual responsibility in the area of temperance. With the ever increasing evidence of the harm of drugs, tobacco and alcoholic beverages in the physical and mental lives of their users, we add our word of warning, too. The holy bride of Christ needs constant reminding that the "unholy three" (drugs, tobacco and alcoholic beverages) are some of Satan's most used weapons in tempting her to fall into sin. It is, therefore, very important that your committee continue to sound the warning loudly and clearly what God's Word tells us, in I Corinthians 6:19-20 about our bodies: "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body." Tyndale's Commentary applies this verse thusly, "Nothing that would be amiss in God's temple is seemly in the body of the child of God."

Your Committee would echo the recent resolution of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council in their recent meeting where some twenty-five organizations, including your committee's representative, proclaimed: "Whereas, there is evident liberalization of personal conviction in various Christian Churches today on the subject of total abstinence, we urge greater coordinated effort by all members of the Council to re-emphasize the abstinence ideal to Church members, especially to the clergy and other Church leaders who serve as role models

for their members.'' Please keep this abstinence ideal before your congregation that each member might honor Christ with his or her total person, body and soul, and be a cleansed vessel for His use and glory. Don't let any one of the ''unholy three'' rob the members of your congregation of the purity He desires of the bodily temples.

As a means to that end we continue to urge you to send for and use the many educational materials available through the W.C.T.U. mail-order house. Their extensive catalog is available free of charge for the asking. If your congregation did not receive one of these at the last national conference from our literature table, please let us know and we will put you in touch with the W.C.T.U. mail-order house. Your Committee also welcomes information about other sources of temperance material, which sources we would be happy to advertise in our quarterly newsletters. We are also seeking new original educational material which we might publish in tract or booklet form to help the youth of our Church keep their temples pure for Christ.

Recommendation: The term of Lester E. Kilpatrick concludes with this Synod and another member is needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lester E. Kilpatrick
R. Paul Wright
Eileen Filbert
Glenn E. McFarland, Chairman

Robert Hemphill presented the Report of the Judicial Committee. The matter of Paper 86-4 concerning the publishing of the minutes of sessions was taken up. The recommendation was adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Paper 86-4

Paper 86-4 asks two questions: 1. Is it appropriate for the session minutes to be used without the knowledge and consent of the session? 2. To what extent are the session records public?

These questions result because portions of the Marion Session minutes were duplicated by an elder and included in a letter to the Iowa Presbytery without the Session's knowledge. Distribution was limited to the Iowa Presbytery.

The following items are relevant to Paper 86-4:

1. *The Book of Church Government*, Chapter IX, Paragraph 4, states the following: ''The session shall elect one of its members as clerk. He shall see that announcement is made of the meetings, shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings, shall issue citations when required and shall furnish extracts from the minutes when ordered by the court. He shall have charge of all papers and records belonging to the session.''

The proposed revision to the *Book of Church Government* retains this paragraph with minor revisions. (Chapter 4, Paragraph 4)

The thrust of this statement is that the clerk of session holds the minutes to be used according to the direction of the session.

2. The proposed revision to the *Book of Church Government*, Chapter 4, Paragraph 5, states the following: "Ordinarily, meetings and minutes of the session are open to members of the congregation except when 'executive session' is called."

This chapter was approved by the 1985 Synod and while not yet sent down in overture, is relevant to Paper 86-4.

3. Even though the minutes of session are ordinarily open to the membership, the responsibility of the session to guard the flock necessitates that its minutes be used only in a way consistent with this Biblical task.

Response to Question #1: The answer to question one of Paper 86-4 is that the use of minutes without sessional approval is inappropriate. The session has spiritual oversight of the congregation, and control of its minutes is a necessary part of this oversight. Unlimited right and ability to duplicate and distribute portions of the minutes could lead to divisions and dissention within the session and the congregation. Sessional oversight of its minutes is therefore necessary. (Your Committee notes that there appears to have been no intent to be divisive on the part of the elder who copied the Marion Session Minutes and distributed them to the Iowa Presbytery.)

Response to Question #2: The answer to question two of Paper 86-4 is: 1. In ordinary circumstances, the minutes of the session are available to be read by members of the congregation upon request to the session. 2. Whenever the minutes deal with sensitive matters, it is the session's responsibility to control the availability and use of such minutes. This is done to protect the flock, to maintain session's ability to effectively shepherd, and to enhance the spiritual growth of God's people entrusted to session's care.

The matter of Paper 86-5 concerning the question of an act of the Marion Session was taken up. The recommendation was adopted. It is as follows:

Paper 86-5

Paper 86-5 is from an elder of the Marion, Iowa Session questioning a March 2, 1976 decision of that Session which "restricted women from holding the offices of Sabbath School Superintendent, Christian Education Chairman, Chairman of the Deacon Board and teachers over men" in that congregation.

The elder asked three questions: 1. Is such a decision allowable by local session or is it insubordination to the law and order of the church? 2. If such a decision is allowable, what are the guidelines for local sessional decisions? 3. If it is interpreted as being insubordination, what action should be taken by the Synod?

After studying the pertinent information, we respond in the following way: We do not see the Marion Session's action of March 2, 1976 to have been an act of "insubordination" against the law and order of the church. The 1965 Synod did not make decisions in regard to some of the specifics with which the Marion Session dealt; however, that Synod stated that "for a woman to teach a class which includes men is not in itself improper — and may be much appreciated — however, where men are available and qualified, the ideal is to have men teach." (*1965 Minutes of Synod*, pg. 62)

The Marion Session, although restricting what the Synod allowed as "not improper," nevertheless was within the spirit of the law and order of the church, inasmuch as its decision was made in a sincere attempt to be obedient to the Scripture and they were following what the Synod declared to be "ideal."

Furthermore, the 1975 Synod, in dealing with the question of women's roles within the church, reaffirmed the responsibilities of sessions ". . . to oversee and guide all activities within their bounds." (*1975 Minutes of Synod*, pg. 101) The session does have authority to determine who will teach and what will be taught in the congregation.

However, to be strictly in line with Synod's 1965 decisions, we do believe that the absolute restriction of the Marion Session, prohibiting women from teaching classes which include men, should be modified.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Hemphill, Chairman
Fred Basil
Robert McCracken
Robert McCrory
Phillip Shafer
Martin Wilsey

Jerry O'Neill, Jonathan Leach, Joseph Paul, Philip Pochras, Tom Reid and Robert Catloth registered their dissent with the last action of the Court.

Jonathan Leach presented the Report of the Committee on Records of Presbyteries. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES

The *Minutes* of the following presbyteries were examined and nothing found contrary to the law and order of the Church: Alleghenies, Atlantic, Iowa, Midwest, Ohio-Illinois, Pacific Coast, St. Lawrence. Some items of a technical nature were noted, along with some suggestions for clerks and these were included in the returned minute books. Four pages were missing from the *Minutes of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies* and could not, therefore, be examined. This was noted in their *Minutes*.

The *Minutes* of the Japan Commission were unavailable for review at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan B. Leach
Assistant Clerk of Synod

Jonathan Leach presented the Report of the Committee on Travel Fund and Absences. The report was read. Items 1-5 were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL FUND AND ABSENCES

Your Committee reports that the 1986 Synod Travel Fund expenses totalled $15,148.26 (plus whatever air fares were paid directly to Fair Winds Travel Agency in Pittsburgh through the Denominational Treasurer, air fares totalling approximately $5,000). One hundred and thirteen delegates participated in the Travel Fund this year, an increase of thirteen from last year.

Excused absences from meetings of Synod are indicated by an "E" on Synod's attendance roster.

Recommendation:

1. That the 1987 Synod Travel allowance:
   a. be determined for those traveling by air on the basis of air coach fair plus ground transportation to and from the airport;
   b. be determined for those who drive on the basis of .20 per mile, plus tolls, unless air coach air fare is less expensive, in which case the air coach fare shall be paid along with attendant cost;
   c. reimburse round-trip bus or train fare for those delegates using these modes of transportation;
2. That those who know themselves to be delegates to the 1987 Synod be urged to secure the lowest possible fares;
3. That the congregational travel assessment for the 1987 Synod be set by the Committee on Finance.
4. That the delegates be paid by check;
5. That Synod thank Miss Judy Linhart and Mr. Louis Hutmire for their help.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan B. Leach
David W. Long

Lester Kilpatrick presented the Report of the Reformation Translation Fellowship. The Report was received and appears in the Appendix to the Minutes. Charles Chao addressed the Court on behalf of the Reformation Translation Fellowship.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by Roy Blackwood.

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1986; 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment on Friday, July 18, 1986 at 8:30 a.m. in Olin Templin Hall, University of Kansas, Larwence, Kansas.

The Court was constituted in prayer by James Carson.

Don Wilson called the Court to the worship of God with the words of Psalm 67. Following the singing of Psalm 149, Mr. Wilson led in prayer and read God's Word from Ephesians 1:3-14. Kenneth Smith preached God's Word on the theme, "The Covenant Secured." He closed by calling the Court to kneel in prayer renewing our commitment to Jesus Christ. Our worship was concluded with the singing of Psalm 80-A.

The Roll was noted.

The minutes were read and adopted.

Bruce Stewart presented the Report of the Committee to Rewrite the Form of Church Government. Changes in the Report were distributed. Chapter 3 was debated and adopted by more than a two-thirds majority vote. Chapter 7 was adopted by more than two-thirds majority vote. Recommendation 2-4 were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and the Form of Church Government ordered sent down in overture. The Report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVISE *THE BOOK OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT*

By way of review, the Synod of 1981 called for the appointment of "a special committee to revise and rewrite the *Form of Church Government* taking into consideration the conclusions regarding the nature of the eldership already adopted by Synod" (*1981 Minutes*, p.17).

Our Committee brought to the Synod of 1983 a complete revision of the *Book of Church Government* implementing the statements in our revised *Testimony* (25:3) in which we show our commitment to the Presbyterian form of church government, to the distinction between the functions of teaching and ruling elders, to the parity of all elders in the government of the church, and to the plurality of elders in church courts. We would call your attention to the statement adopted by the Synod of 1979 which expresses in principle the denominational position on the nature of the office of elder until the adoption of the revision of the *Book of Church Government* (*1979 Minutes*, pp. 176-177; 1981 *Minutes* pp. 17-18). We would point out, however, that this "interim position" is subject to change and does not become the official position of the church until it has gone down in overture.

The Synod of 1982 approved the procedure of incorporating two sections in our revision. The first section is a proposed *Directory of Church Government*. It builds on the procedural elements of the present *Book of Church Government* in implementing the principles of church government set forth in our *Constitution*. The second section comprises pro-

posed changes in the *Testimony*. These are proposed additions to Chapters 25, 26, and 28 which are taken from principle statements in the present *Book of Church Government*.

We have sought to carry out our task in keeping with the instructions given to us. Many of the changes we have made are far more than cosmetic changes, but we believe them to be consonant with the direction of our assignment. To be consistent, we have used the term "teaching elder" throughout, but we are not implying that the terms "pastor" or "minister" are no longer acceptable.

Procedures in adopting this revision were approved by the Synod of 1983, as follows:

1. That 30 minutes be allowed for floor discussion and debate on each chapter of the proposed *Directory for Church Government*, and that individual speeches be limited to three minutes. No amendments will be allowed from the floor. Each chapter will be voted on in its entirety. Approval requires a two-thirds vote.
2. That failure to achieve a two-thirds majority vote on any chapter will have the effect of returning that chapter to the Committee for revision in the light of floor discussion.
3. That the section of revisions to the *Testimony* be considered under the same conditions as each chapter above.
4. That when each chapter (and the revisions to the *Testimony*) has received the necessary two-thirds vote of the Synod, the entire *Directory* and the changes in the *Testimony* be submitted to the sessions in overture, and that the sessions be asked to vote on each chapter separately, thereby allowing sessions, if in disagreement with a portion of the *Directory*, to vote in favor of chapters with which they stand in agreement.
5. That any chapter of the *Directory* not approved in overture be returned to the Committee for revision and resubmission to the Synod and to the sessions.
6. That the revised *Directory for Church Government* replace the present *Book of Church Government* and become the law and order of the church only upon adoption of all the chapters, and the declaration by Synod of their adoption.
7. That in subsequent years, the *Directory for Church Government* may be amended by any given Synod by a two-thirds majority vote. If, however, the Synod considers that such amendment should have the consideration and discussion of the sessions, it can by a simple majority vote to send the proposed change down in overture to the sessions.
8. That Chapter I, Section 6 of the present *Book of Church Government* with some amendments be included as the first paragraph in the *History of the Standards* which introduces *The Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America*.

Our Committee presented a revision of our proposed Revision to the *Book of Church Government* to the 1984 Synod with the recommendation that each session study it and send suggested changes to our Committee by December 31, 1984. Twenty sessions responded. Our Committee met in Beaver Falls, February 18 and 19, 1985. We considered every suggested change and made a number of revisions. At the 1985 Synod the Introduction, Chapters 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8, and revisions to Chapters 25, 26, and 28 in the *Testimony* were adopted. Chapters 3, 5 and 7 still need to be adopted.

Our committee met again this year and has made revisions based on comments at last year's Synod and correspondence with the committee.

Recommendations:

1. That we follow the same procedure as last year except that for Chapter 3, 30 minutes be allowed for each of the three sections.
2. That the Moderator of Synod appoint a Committee to Revise the Forms in the *Constitution*.
3. That the issue of teaching elders having their credentials removed by presbytery be referred to a special committee appointed by the Moderator to propose to Synod of 1987 a new TE. E. 5. f. (statement on the credentials of a teaching elder who is not continuing to serve as a teaching elder).
4. Paper 85-7 from the Midwest Presbytery Regarding a proposed change in the *Directory For Worship* wherein another elder could be invited to conclude the prayer of baptism was referred by the Synod of 1985 to our Committee. We recommend reference of this paper to a future committee to revise the *Directory of Worship*. In the meantime, it would seem to your Committee that under the present wording, following the administration of the sacrament including the formula, "one God over all, blessed forever, Amen." that another elder could consistently be asked to lead in prayer.

It would be our hope that the new *Directory* could be adopted by the 1986 Synod and sent down in overture to the sessions.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Backensto
Norman Carson
Robert Catloth
Robert McConaughy
J. Paul McCracken
Bruce C. Stewart, Chm.

DIRECTORY FOR CHURCH GOVERNMENT

(Adopted by Synod: Introduction, Chapters 1,2,4,6,8 and Chapters 25, 26 and 28 in the *Testimony*. Still to be adopted: Chapters 3, 5, and 7)

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the *Directory* is to provide the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America definitions and procedures to implement the doctrinal statements concerning the nature of the church and its government, as they have been stated in *The Westminster Confession of Faith* and *The Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America*.

These definitions and procedures as set down in this *Directory* are to be received as official statements declaring the law and order of the church. The *Directory* may be amended by any given Synod by a two-thirds majority vote. If, however, Synod considers that the item before it should have the consideration and discussion of the sessions, it can by a simple majority vote send the proposed change down in overture to the sessions.

CHAPTER I

THE COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

1. Any person capable of forming moral judgments and of making decisions for himself may be received into communicant membership in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, upon credible profession of faith, baptism, and acceptance of the Covenant of Church Membership. Communicant members have an obligation to present their children for baptism and to do all in their power to rear their children so that they will seek communicant membership in the church.
2. In a regularly organized congregation it belongs to the session alone to admit to membership in the church. In extraordinary circumstances, such as the organization of a new congregation, presbytery may assume this function. In the early stages of work in a new mission field, special powers may be exercised by the missionaries in this regard until such time as a congregation with a regular session can be organized.
3. Classes should be conducted, under the oversight of the Session, for baptized children as well as for prospective members for their instruction in the principles of truth maintained by the Church with a view to preparing them to be communicant members.
4. Candidates for communicant membership shall be examined by the session in constituted court. The examination shall seek to bring out the degree of the candidate's knowledge of Divine truth, his personal sense of sin and need of salvation and his knowledge of and willing acceptance of the Covenant of Church Membership including the distinctive principles of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. The degree of knowledge necessary for admission depends, to a considerable extent, upon the capacity of the candidate and the opportunities which he has had for acquiring such knowledge. Children should be encouraged to memorize the *Shorter Catechism* and urged to read and study the *Testimony* and *Confession of Faith* as they

come to years of fuller understanding. No one should be admitted who is ignorant of the plan of salvation, or who gives no credible evidence of having been born again, or who assumes an attitude antagonistic to the principles set forth in the standards of the Church.

5. When the candidates have given assent to the Covenant of Church Membership and when their examination has been sustained, they shall, if they have been baptized, be declared in communicant membership and may sign the Covenant of Church Membership. After prayer on their behalf, the members of session shall welcome them by extending the right hand of fellowship.
6. Where there is no definite knowledge that a candidate has been baptized in a true church as defined by Synod (*1974 Minutes of Synod*, p. 129) this sacrament shall be administered.
7. The new member should be publicly recognized. This may be done by having them stand before the congregation to give public assent to the Covenant of Church Membership. The congregation may be asked to join in giving assent to the Covenant. This question shall be addressed to the congregation: "Do you, the members of this congregation, welcome into your fellowship these who have now professed their faith in Christ, and have been received by your session; and do you promise to help and encourage them in the Christian life?" The congregation should respond, "We do." A few words of counsel may be given to the new members and prayer offered in their behalf.
8. Members should willingly consecrate their talents and gifts to the service of Christ. They should prayerfully consider accepting a position in the church when called to do so.
9. A member of any congregation of any Reformed Presbyterian Church, in this or other lands, may be received into communicant membership of any congregation of the church, upon presentation of a certificate from the session of his congregation. An applicant from another denomination shall satisfy the session of his acceptance of the basic truths of the historic Christian faith and of the Covenant of Church Membership. Certificates shall be valid for one year only from the date of issue, unless reasons can be shown for the delay in presenting them. If a certificate states exceptions, or grounds of censure, the applicant shall give full satisfaction to the session before being admitted.
10. Neglect of the ordinances should be a matter of church discipline; but where a member has, for a period of one year failed to attend, to contribute, or to give any other evidence of interest and cannot be contacted, he may be removed from the roll of communicant membership. The session officially shall attempt to notify him of that action. He may be restored to communicant membership when he has given credible evidence of adherence to the Covenant of Church Membership.

11. A member of the Church moving from one congregation to another congregation in the denomination shall be given a certificate of transfer of membership at his request. Notice shall also be given to the session of the congregation to which he desires transfer. A person leaving the membership of the Reformed Presbyterian Church shall also be given a certificate of transfer of membership including any qualifications the session has in its records.
12. If a member becomes a member of another denomination without a regular dismissal, the session shall record the fact and remove his name from the roll. If charges are pending against him these charges may be prosecuted.
13. A member certified to another congregation of the denomination is under the jurisdiction of the session issuing his certificate of membership until he has been received by the session to which he has been certified, but shall not be entitled to vote or hold office. A certificate of transfer of membership becomes effective immediately. A person restored to membership in a congregation by the return of a certificate or letter to the session which issued it, is not entitled to exercise the functions of any office previously held. He may, however, be re-elected to the same.
14. Presbytery may establish a transitional roll of membership. Such a roll may be used before the organization of a new congregation. It may also be used when a congregation becomes disorganized. It is to be considered a temporary roll. In the case of disorganization, those placed on the rolls of Presbytery should become members of another congregation within one year. Diligent effort should be made to retain members in the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

CHAPTER 2

THE CONGREGATION

1. A congregation is organized on the basis of the standards of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and in conformity with its law and order. A fully organized congregation is made up of a group of members with a session of elders for the oversight of the congregation and a board of deacons responsible chiefly for the ministry of mercy and stewardship. The teaching elder/pastor is a member of the congregation and his ministerial credentials are held by the presbytery. Presbyteries are directed to exercise due care and diligence to see that both sessions and boards of deacons are duly chosen, ordained and established in every congregation under their care. All ordained officers shall be chosen by vote of the congregation, and every communicant member shall have an equal voice in such choice.
2. Children of communicant members of the Church, in consequence of their covenant relationship, shall receive baptism, pastoral care

and instruction, and are baptized members of the Church, but are not to be admitted to the Lord's Supper until they have reached years of understanding and have voluntarily professed their faith in Christ and assumed for themselves the vows and obligations of the Covenant of Church Membership. Baptized members have no vote in the congregational meetings.

3. Persons, not members of the congregation, who regularly attend the services, participate in the worship, and contribute to the support are known as adherents. They have no vote in the congregational meetings.
4. In many states or provinces, congregations are required to have a Board of Trustees in whom the title of the church property is vested and who represent the congregation in all legal matters. The Board shall be elected from the membership of the congregation and shall have no duties beyond those necessary to fulfill the legal requirements. For efficiency in handling its affairs, the membership and officers of the Board of Trustees may be identical with or chosen from the Board of Deacons.
5. The session shall have general oversight and review of all organizations within the congregation. These may include a Sabbath school for study based on the Scriptures; a mid-week meeting; missionary and young people's societies, and other fellowship groups. There may be other organizations, as desired, provided they promote the principles, practices and ministries of the Church.
6. Any number of persons may petition the presbytery within whose bounds they reside for the organization of a congregation. Due notice shall be given and an opportunity to be heard shall be afforded to any congregation that might be affected. If the petition is granted, the presbytery shall inform the petitioners and appoint a time and place and proceed with the organization.
7. At the appointed time and place, an elder shall constitute the court with prayer followed by a service of worship which shall include a sermon. The court shall then determine the number examined and certified from other congregations or the roll of Presbytery to form the new congregation. Those wishing to unite upon profession of faith, or presenting certificates from other branches of the true church, may after examination be received into the communicant membership of the congregation. Baptized children of those received shall be placed on the baptized roll.
8. After the roll has been determined, all the communicant members of the new congregation shall stand and give assent to the Covenant of Church Membership, as it is read by an elder, and to this additional pledge:

"Do you solemnly covenant with God and with one another that you will live together in brotherly unity as an organized congregation on the basis of the *Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian*

Church of North America; that you will be obedient to the courts that are over you in the Lord; and that you will, by a godly life, seek to promote the purity, peace, and prosperity of the church as a whole?''

Members of the new congregation shall sign the Covenant of Church Membership. An elder shall offer prayer constituting the congregation in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the church. The moderator shall then declare the congregation officially organized.

9. In the same meeting, under the supervision of presbytery, the congregation shall proceed to the election of elders, the deacons (though deacons are not required for organization), and of trustees if required by civil law. Presbytery shall arrange for the examination, ordination, and/or installation of these officers. In exceptional cases, the readings of the edict may be waived, and those chosen may immediately be examined, ordained, and installed. A Commission of Presbytery may act as a provisional session until the officers-elect can be ordained and/or installed. All proceedings shall be recorded in the minutes of both the presbytery and the session.
10. An independent congregation or a congregation from another denomination desiring to unite with the Reformed Presbyterian Church shall make formal application to the Presbytery nearest its location. Presbytery shall make full investigation of the situation of the petitioning congregation, and shall satisfy itself that the motives and procedures involved will promote the purity and peace of Christ's Church, both for the Reformed Presbyterian branch and that branch from which the congregation is coming. Under normal circumstances, such union should not be hurried, and proper ecclesiastical order must be adhered to closely. The Presbytery shall arrange for appropriate discussions and examinations of all the communicant members of the church on the basis of the Covenant of Church Membership, and the ordained officers also on the basis of the vows related to their respective offices.

    A service of reception shall be planned and conducted by the Presbytery, with due notice being given to the congregations/sessions within its bounds. The appointed Moderator shall call the meeting to order, and the court shall be constituted in prayer. The roll shall be made up, and consultative members seated. Letters of welcome may be read. A sermon shall be preached by a presbyter, and the previous steps are to be narrated. The Covenant of Church Membership will then be presented for acceptance to the members of the congregation. The appropriate vows will then be presented to the congregation's officers for acceptance, and the vows will be signed. A member of the Presbytery will lead in a prayer of reception of the congregation in the name of Christ, the Church's King and Head. An address to the newly-received congregation shall be

presented by a presbyter, and the court will be adjourned in prayer. The congregation's pastor may be asked to pronounce the benediction.

Following a congregation's reception, a Presbytery shall give particular attention to the settling and absorbing of the new group into the life and fellowship of the denomination.

11. Every congregation is under special obligation to give religious instuction to the youth, to seek the salvation of the lost, and to declare the whole Gospel to all within its reach. A congregation has certain other responsibilities among which are: To elect its own officers; to transact its business; to require reports from its organizations, officers and committees; to petition the courts of the church for any action it may desire; to appeal from decisions of the lower courts to the higher; to maintain the ordinances of public worship; to provide a suitable place of worship and equipment to carry on its activities; to be obedient in the Lord to the law and order of the Church, with care to maintain a godly fellowship in love and loyalty and support to all its members and to the denomination.
12. An annual meeting of the congregation shall be held to elect officers, hear reports and transact business. Special meetings may be called by the session either on its own volition, or at the written request of the board of deacons, or by petition of the congregation, if the purpose(s) be of sufficient importance and in accordance with the law and order of the Church. The purpose(s) of such meeting shall be stated in the notice, and no other business shall be transacted. Notice of all congregational meetings shall be given at the public services on two preceding Lord's Days. If the congregation has no public meeting, ten days' notice by mail or telephone to all who can be reached shall be sufficient.
13. The congregation shall elect its own chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer, although the treasurer may be elected by the Board of Deacons. The congregation and its officers are under the oversight of the session. The congregational meetings shall be governed according to the common rules as applied in ecclesiastical assemblies. The secretary shall record all proceedings in the minutes. Unless otherwise specified in the charter, one-fourth of the active resident communicant membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of ordinary business, but no business vitally affecting the welfare of the congregation should be transacted without the presence of at least one-half the active resident communicant membership. A congregation may ask a teaching elder to be absent from the portion of the meeting that concerns his remuneration and/or relationship with the congregation, or a teaching elder may decide to absent himself from that part of the meeting. Meetings for the election of a teaching elder, ruling elders or deacons shall be under the supervision of the session in constituted court and presided over by its moderator.

14. A congregation becomes disorganized when the session is reduced to less than two resident elders. Two elders will suffice to hold the organization. The Presbytery may enable the congregation to continue its existence by appointing an elder(s) from a neighboring congregation to act with the remaining resident elder as a provisional session until such time as a new elder(s) may be elected. An alternative procedure is to reduce the congregation to a mission or preaching station under the immediate supervision of Presbytery.
15. Two congregations may agree to unite by a two-thirds majority vote in each congregation and with the sanction of Presbytery. The plan of union shall provide for adjustment of the pastorates, of the sessions and boards of deacons, and of other congregational organizations. This plan shall be adopted by each congregation before being made effective by presbytery.
16. The congregation, or its boards, holds the property of the congregation in trust for the Synod and cannot divert it from the use to which it was originally intended. The property is in law a trust which the civil courts will protect. If a congregation wishes to change location of its place of worship, it shall first secure the approval of Presbytery both as to removal and as to the new location. A particular congregation shall not sell or mortgage property without the written permission of the presbytery transmitted though the session of the congregation. When a presbytery determines that a congregation is disorganized, title to all properties held by or for the congregation shall immediatly be transferred to Synod's Board of Trustees who shall determine with the counsel of the appropriate presbytery the disposition of such properties and/or proceeds of the same. Distribution of assets or expenditures beyond the normal course of operation may not be made in anticipation of disorganization without prior approval of the Presbytery and the Trustees of Synod. (For policies and procedures, see *1972 Minutes of Synod*, pages 13, 150-152.)

CHAPTER 3

"The Officers of the Church"

The Scriptures indicate no separation of office as regards the ruling and teaching that is to be carried on in Christ's church. According to their qualifications and circumstances elders will exhibit gifts that enable them to discern and meet the needs of the flock though oversight (ruling) and exhortation. Among them will be more qualified to engage in the study and public proclamation of the Scriptures. This distinction of function warrants the continuance of the popular titles of "ruling elder" and "teaching elder" when understood as stated above. The office of deacon was given by the Holy Spirit to the New Testament church to assist the church in the fulfillment of its ministry.

ELDERSHIP

I. RULING ELDERS

A. QUALIFICATIONS

Those eligible to be called as ruling elders must:

1. Be male communicant members in good standing of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.
2. Evidence the standards of character and conduct consistent with those set forth in I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; and I Peter 5:1-3.
3. Be knowledgable in and committed to the subordinate doctrinal standards of the denomination as being consistent with the Scriptures.

B. DUTIES

The duties of ruling elders include:

1. Active pastoral care of the congregation.
2. Regular attendance and participation in session meetings.
3. Involvement in and oversight of the teaching ministry of the congregation.
4. Invovement in and oversight of the observance of the sacraments.
5. Training of the whole congregation to mature discipleship.
6. Ministry to the erring and lost.
7. Visitation of the sick and needy.
8. Dedication to the advancement of the whole church of Christ.
9. Regular participation in the higher courts of the church.
10. Meeting jointly with the Board of Deacons periodically for evaluation and growth in their respective ministies.

C. PRIVILEGES

The privileges of ruling elders include:

1. Moderation of any court of the church.
2. Permanent membership on his session.
3. Voting membership in the higher courts.
4. When deemed by his session or presbytery to be qualified in the areas of personal godliness, theology, Biblical knowledge and church history he would be eligible for:
   a. Occasional ministry of the Word in the congregation at the request of the session or at the request of another court.
   b. Occasional ministry of the Word within the denomination where specifically requested by another court.
   c. Occasional pronouncing of God's benediction upon His people.
5. A ruling elder may qualify for more regular occasional preaching of the Word and pronouncing the benediction at the appointment of his session or another court of the church by satisfying the presbytery of his readiness for this ministry by being examined in personal godliness, English Bible, Systematic Theology, and the preaching of an expository sermon. (See Eligibility to Preach, IC2c).

6. Under extraordinary circumstances, to administer the sacraments when specifically appointed to do so on a given occasion by the presbytery.
7. Appointment, in special circumstances by presbytery, to serve as a provisional elder of another session.

D. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION

1. AUTHORIZATION

An election of ruling elders may be authorized as follows:

a. The initiative for an election of elders must include one or more of the following:
   (1) An appeal from the congregation to the session to increase the number of elders.
   (2) A judgment of the session that there are qualified men in the congregation and that an increase in the number of elders is needed.
   (3) A directive by presbytery for a session to hold an election under extraordinary circumstances.
b. An election for elders is to be conducted by the session at a specially called meeting of the congregation.

2. CALLING A MEETING

The procedure to call a meeting will be:

a. The session shall issue an edict setting the date, time and place for an election (see Form #7).
b. Eight days notice of the meeting shall be given publicly to the congregation by reading of the edict at the worship services on the two preceding Lord's Days.
c. If the congregation has no public meeting, ten days notice by mail or phone to all members who can be reached shall be sufficient.

3. ORDER OF MEETING

The order of the meeting shall be as follows:

a. The congregation, having been called together for the election, the session shall be constituted by the moderator or presbytery's appointee.
b. The session shall have a complete list of all communicant members of the congregation in good standing from which a quorum is to be determined (one-half of the resident members). A quorum is necessary for each ballot.
c. Inquiry by the Moderator if the congregation still desires to proceed with the election.
d. The final reading of the edict.
e. Worship, with a sermon, shall be conducted under the direction of the session.
f. The election shall be conducted.
g. The court shall be adjourned with prayer.

4. BALLOTING

The election shall be conducted as follows:

a. The session may indicate their judgment as to the number of positions to be filled by the election. Such judgment shall be based on the needs of the congregation and the evidence of spiritual maturity of potential candidates.
b. Session may submit a list of nominations.
c. If the session has indicated its desire for a certain number of elders, its list of nominees shall not contain less than that number.
d. Nominations may also be made by a communicant member of the congregation present.
e. The election may also proceed without nominations.
f. Even when nominations have been made, votes may be cast for any qualified candidate.
g. Voting shall be by ballot, and the ballots shall be received by roll call.
h. When the number to be elected is determined, the number of names per ballot is not to exceed the announced number to be elected.
i. Communicant members unable to attend the meeting may send their votes in writing, enclosed in sealed envelopes which bear their names and are addressed to the session.
j. The use of a nominating ballot is not encouraged; if it is used, absentee votes are valid only on the first electing ballot.
k. Only those receiving at least two-thirds of the votes cast shall be declared elders-elect. Blank ballots shall be counted in determining the total number of votes cast.
l. If a two-thirds vote has not been reached after three ballots, the moderator, in consultation with the session, may postpone the election.
m. Two tellers shall be appointed by the moderator to collect the ballots and tabulate the results of the election.

E. PROCEDURE FOR EXAMINATION, ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

1. EXAMINATION

The examination of an elder-elect shall proceed as follows:

a. The elder-elect shall notify the session, preferably within two weeks, regarding his intention to accept or decline the call of the congregation.
b. If the elder-elect indicates his desire to accept the call, the session shall meet in constituted court to examine him with respect to his qualifications as stated above in section I.,a.
c. The session shall examine him his soundness in the faith commitment to the *Testimony* of the RPC.
d. If the session shall judge any elder-elect unfit for the office, it shall not proceed with his ordination and/or installation.

e. Ordination will not be required if:
   (1) An elder-elect holds ordination in the denomination as an elder.
   (2) An elder-elect is certified as having been ordained to an equivalent office in another true branch of the visable church and has met our denominational conditions to be a ruling elder.
f. Public ordination and/or installation to the session will be required of all elders-elect who have declared their desire to serve and have been examined and approved by the session.

2. AUTHORIZATION

The session shall authorize the ordination and/or installation in the following manner:
a. The session shall set the time, date and place for the ordination and installation of qualified elders-elect. (Any objections by the congregation shall be presented to the session in writing prior to the called meeting. Session shall act on the objection prior to the called meeting.)
b. Notice of the date, time, location, and names of the elder(s)-elect shall be given by the installing session to all sessions within the presbytery.

3. CALLING A MEETING

To call a meeting for ordination and/or installation:
a. An edict shall be prepared by the session.
b. The edict shall be read eight days prior to the congregational meeting at the worship services on the two preceding Lord's Days.
c. If the congregation has no public meeting, ten days notice by mail or phone to all members who can be reached shall be sufficient.

4. ORDER OF MEETING

The order of the meeting shall be as follows:
a. The session shall be constituted by the moderator or presbytery's appointee, and the privileges of the floor shall be extended to all elders of the denomination present.
b. A quorum of one-half of the resident communicant membership shall be confirmed.
c. The edict shall be read for the final time.
d. Worship, with a sermon, shall be conducted under the direction of the session.
e. An appointed elder shall narrate the previous steps leading up to the ordination and/or installation.
f. An appointed elder shall ask the appropriate Queries for Ordination of the candidates and elicit an affirmative response.
g. Candidates shall publicly sign the Queries for Ordination.
h. In the case of ordination and installation the candidate shall kneel for prayer and all elders present shall be invited to join in the laying on of hands.

i. In the case of installation only an installation prayer shall be offered.
j. An elder shall offer the prayer of ordination and/or installation in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ.
k. The elders shall extend the right hand of fellowship receiving the newly-installed elder(s).
l. Special charges to the newly installed elder(s) and to the congregation should be given at the discretion of the session.
m. The session shall adjourn and close the meeting with prayer and the benediction.
n. Opportunity shall be given to the congregation and friends to greet the newly installed elder(s).

5. CESSATION OF SERVICE ON A SESSION

A ruling elder's service may cease under the following circumstances:

a. An elder may request the session to accept his resignation from sessional responsibilities within the congregation. Conferring the title of 'emeritus' in cases of long faithful service should be considered.
b. An elder whose resignation has been accepted must be re-elected in order to serve again in that office.
c. An elder no longer serving regularly on the session to which he was installed for reasons of distance, health, or other justifiable reasons may be relieved of his duties; his session shall move with care to relieve him of the official exercise of his office and declare his status to be inactive (i.e. non-voting). In cases of suspension, see *Book of Discipline*.
d. An elder or his session may arrange for a sabbatical leave of absence of normally up to one year, during which time he shall be on inactive status.
e. A congregation may arrange for rotation of elders, subject to the approval of its session and presbytery.
f. An elder granted an inactive status may be reinstated to active service at the discretion of the session.
g. An elder ceases to serve on a session when he has moved his communicant membership into the jurisdiction of another session.

6. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

A ruling elder may be removed from office. The following principles shall apply to this procedure:

a. An elder can be divested of his ordination only by deposition at the hands of his session or presbytery.
b. The session shall notify the presbytery whenever it intends to initiate deposition procedures by forwarding a copy of the charges.
c. In extraordinary cases the presbytery may also originate jurisdiction if it concludes that a particular session has been unable to exercise proper discipline over the elder in question.
d. No elder shall be suspended or deposed except after a fair trial.
e. Procedure for judicial process is set forth in the Book of *Discipline*.

7. CESSATION OF ORDINATION

The continuing privileges and responsibilities of ordination would cease if:

a. An elder is deposed from his ordination by judicial action of a church court.
b. An elder's request that his ordination be terminated is granted by a church court after careful consideration.

TEACHING ELDERS

II. TEACHING ELDERS

The official proclamation of the Word and administration of the sacraments in the congregation shall be entrusted in ordinary circumstances to the one who has been trained to exercise his teaching gifts. Those displaying the gift for the teaching ministry shall be encouraged to undertake sufficient academic preparation and present themselves for public examination by presbytery in order to devote themselves to live in obedience to Christ and His Word in full-time ministerial service with all the privileges and duties this involves.

The elder who publicly teaches exercises a broader responsibility but has no higher authority than any other elder. While all the elders have pastoral responsibilities, common practice warrants the use of the title "pastor" for those who are called as teaching elders of congregations. Congregations whose size and/or work require additional Teaching Elders (Associate Pastors) will follow the same procedure.

All teaching elders serving whose active duty is in the Armed Forces of Canada or of the United States Chaplain Corps and who have been approved by presbytery shall be considered as missionaries employed by their presbyteries and on loan to the Armed Forces of Canada or of the United States, and their presbyteries shall have oversight and require reports of their activities. (See *1985 Minutes of Synod*, page 91).

A. QUALIFICATION

Along with those qualifications specified in Section IA, those eligible to be called as teaching elders must display the Spirit's call and gifts to study diligently and proclaim publicly the Word of God (I Timothy 5:17).

B. DUTIES

Along with duties specified in Section RULING ELDERS B, the duties of a teaching elder include:

1. Proclaiming God's Word in worship.
2. Administering the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
3. Conducting wedding and funeral services.

C. PREPARATION

1. INITIAL STEPS

To become a teaching elder the following steps must be taken:

a. He must present himself to his session as one disiring to prepare himself to become a teaching elder.
b. If the session supports his intentions they shall request presbytery to take him under care.
c. In ordinary cases he shall complete a bachelor's degree or its equivalent before undertaking specific theological education.
d. Upon completion of his collegiate degree or its equivalent and his reception by presbytery as a student of theology, he shall be expected to complete the course of seminary instruction required by his presbytery leading to a Master of Divinity or its equivalent.
e. Under ordinary circumstances he shall be expected to attend at least one full year in a Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary.
f. At the end of his first year he shall give evidence to his presbytery that he will continue training to become a teaching elder. (A sermon may be requested of him by his presbytery at this point.)
g. After favorable evaluation of the evidence presented by the student under care and reception of a favorable report from the seminary, he shall be certified by presbytery to further his seminary training.
h. The student may be invited to preach only under the direct supervision of a session until he is certified as being eligible to preach.
i. Licensure by presbytery shall consist of two steps: Eligibility to Preach and Eligibility for a Call.

2. ELIGIBILITY TO PREACH

To become eligible to preach a student shall follow this procedure:

a. A student shall become eligible for certification to preach any time after his first year.
b. The student shall request the seminary to forward to his presbytery an evaluation of his qualifications for ministry and statement of his academic standing.
c. The candidate shall be examined by his presbytery in constituted court in the following areas:
   (1) Personal godliness
   (2) English Bible
   (3) Systematic Theology and Distinctive Principles
   (4) The preaching of an expository sermon
   (5) The presentation of a paper on church history (Presbytery is responsible to make these assignments which may correspond to assignments fulfilled in seminary.)
d. The roll of presbytery shall be called following each area of examination. Members shall respond with a vote of "I sustain" or "I do not sustain." Any member may state the reasons for his vote or make appropriate comments.

e. If the discourse and examinations are sustained by a two-thirds vote, an appointed elder shall ask the appropriate Queries for Certification to Preach.
f. Presbytery shall vote by roll call whether to certify him a Candidate to Preach.
g. If the candidate is approved by a two-thirds vote he shall sign the appropriate Queries for Certification.
h. An appointed elder shall offer prayer officially certifying the candidate in the name of Christ, the King and Head of the Church.
i. An appointed elder shall address the candidate with words of counsel as to his duties and the limitation which are as follows:
(1.) He may not administer the sacraments.
(2.) He may not perform marriages.
(3.) He may not pronounce the benediction.
j. Presbytery shall adjourn the meeting with prayer and benediction.
k. The candidate shall be given a certificate of eligibility to preach (See Form #13).
l. He remains under the care of his presbytery and the jurisdiction of his session.
m. Certification ordinarily shall be for a term of five years and may be renewed at the discretion of presbytery. (See Form #13).

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR A CALL

To become eligible for a call a student shall follow this procedure:
a. A student shall be eligible for certification to receive a call at the end of his second year.
b. The student shall request of the seminary to forward to his presbytery an evaluation of his qualifications for ministry and a statement of his academic standing.
c. The candidate shall be examined by his presbytery in constituted session in the following areas:
(1) Evidence of pastoral and evangelistic gifts
(2) Systematic Theology and Distinctive Principles
(3) Church History
(4) The preaching of an expository sermon on an assigned topic
(5) The presentation of an exegesis paper (Presbytery is responsible to make these assignments which may correspond to assignments fulfilled in seminary.)
d. The roll of presbytery shall be called following each area of examination. Members shall respond with a vote of "I sustain" or "I do not sustain". Any member may state the reasons for his vote or make appropriate comments.
e. If the discourse and examinations are sustained by a two-thirds vote, an appointed elder shall ask the appropriate Queries for Certification to Receive a Call.

f. Presbytery shall vote by roll call whether to certify him a Candidate to Receive a Call. This certification must be by a two-thirds vote.
g. If the candidate is approved by a two-thirds vote he shall sign the appropriate queries.
h. An appointed elder shall offer prayer officially certifying the candidate as being eligible for a call in the name of Christ, the King and head of the Chruch.
i. An appointed elder shall address the candidate with words of counsel as to his duties and the limitations which are as follows:
   a. He may not administer the sacraments.
   b. He may not perform marriages.
   c. He may not pronounce the benediction.
j. Presbytery shall adjourn the meeting with prayer and benediction.
k. The candidate shall be given a Certificate of Licensure (See Form #13).
l. He remains under the care of his presbytery and the jurisdiction of his session.
m. Certification ordinarily shall be for a term of five years and may be renewed at the discretion of presbytery. (See Form #13).

D. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION

1. AUTHORIZATION

The election of a teaching elder may be authorized as follows:
a. Initiative of an election of a teaching elder must include one or more of the following:
   (1) An appeal from the congregation through the session to hold an election or an appeal directly from the session to presbytery.
   (2) A directive by presbytery for a session to hold an election under extraordinary circumstances.
b. An election for a teaching elder is to be conducted by the session at a specially called meeting of the congregation.

2. CALLING A MEETING

The procedure to call a meeting will be:
a. The session shall issue an edict setting the date, time and place for an election (See form #7).
b. Eight days notice of the meeting shall be given publicly to the congregation, including announcement at the worship services on the two preceding Lord's Days.
c. If the congregation has no public meetings, ten days notice by mail or phone to all members who can be reached shall be sufficient.

3. ORDER OF MEETING

The order of the meeting shall be as follows:
a. The session shall have a complete list of all communicant members of the congregation in good standing from which a quorum is to

be determined (one-half of the resident members). A quorum is necessary for each ballot.

b. The final reading of the edict.
c. Worship, with a suitable discourse, shall be conducted under the direction of the session.
d. The session shall be constituted by the moderator or presbytery's appointee.
e. An election shall be conducted.
f. The court shall be adjourned with prayer.

4. BALLOTING

The election shall be conducted as follows:

a. Candidates shall ordinarily consist of teaching elders in good standing in the Reformed Presbyterian Church and those certified as eligible for a call (Licentiates) in the denomination.
b. Teaching elders who are members in good standing in denominations with whom we have fraternal relations who have expressed commitment to the position of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and who have been examined by a presbytery in the denomination may be candidates for a call.
c. Any ruling elder in good standing in the denomination may be considered a candidate when he demonstrates to his presbytery the educational background and experience necessary to be a teaching elder. (See II,C,2,c and 3,c).
d. Nominations may be offered by the session and/or a communicant member of the congregation present.
e. The election may also proceed without nominations.
f. Even when nominations have been made, votes may be cast for any qualified candidate.
g. Voting shall be by ballot, and ballots shall be received by roll call.
h. Members unable to attend the meeting may send their votes in writing, enclosed in sealed envelopes which bear their names and are addressed to the session.
i. The use of a nominating ballot is not encouraged; if it is used, absentee votes are valid only on the first electing ballot.
j. Only a candidate receiving at least two-thirds of the votes cast shall be elected. Blank ballots shall be counted in determining the total number of votes cast.
k. If a two-thirds majority vote has not been reached after three ballots, the moderator, in consultation with the session, may postpone the election.
l. Two tellers shall be appointed by the moderator to collect the ballots and tabulate the results of the election and report to the moderator.
m. The moderator shall declare the results of the election.
n. An appointed elder shall present the terms of the call (which shall include the financial agreement presented by the board of deacons)

for the approval of the congregation. (The session and deacon board shall have previously prepared the terms of the call.)

o. Opportunity shall be given the communicant members and adherents of the congregation to sign the call. The moderator shall explain that signing the call indicates one's willingness to support and work with the teaching elder-elect whether the member voted for him or not.

5. DISPOSITION OF A CALL

The call shall be handled in the following manner:

a. The moderator shall immediately notify the teaching elder-elect informing him concerning the vote tallies and all other pertinent information that may assist him in reaching a decision.

b. The call shall remain in the hands of the session for a period of time up to and including two Lord's Days so that other communicant members and adherents may sign the call.

c. Any communicant member or adherent may request the clerk of the session to add his name to the call, in which case the clerk shall append his own initials to the signature.

d. A copy of the call shall be sent to the teaching elder-elect.

e. The call shall be forwarded to the presbytery along with a communicant membership roll and the minutes of the meeting.

6. PROCESSING A CALL

A call shall be processed in the following manner:

a. Presbytery, after receiving a call, shall determine whether the call was made in accordance with the law and order of the church.

b. Presbytery shall sustain it as a regular call and forward it to the teaching elder-elect within the presbytery or the presbytery holding the credentials of the teaching elder-elect.

c. Presbytery may decline to forward the call for any of the following reasons:
   (1) The refusal of a considerable minority to sign the call.
   (2) Failure to make suitable financial arrangements.
   (3) A conviction on the presbytery's part that establishing the relationship would not be wise.

d. If presbytery does not sustain a call, reasons shall be recorded in the minutes, the candidate shall be notified, the call returned to the congregation and a copy of the minutes stating the reason(s) shall go to both the candidate and the congregation.

e. If a call is addressed to a teaching elder of a congregation within the presbytery, the interest of that congregation shall be considered carefully.

f. A presbytery which is in session may present a call immediately to a teaching elder whose credentials are held by the presbytery or to a student under its care, if the person is present.

g. The teaching elder-elect may either accept or decline the call or ask for more time to consider it.
h. If the call is rejected, the teaching elder-elect shall notify the congregation and the presbytery in writing.
i. If the call is accepted, presbytery shall take steps toward ordination and/or installation.
j. If the teaching elder-elect is not present, presbytery shall forward the call to him.
k. Upon reception of the call from his presbytery, the teaching elder-elect shall inform the congregation and the presbytery of his decision within two weeks.
l. A call may not be presented by a presbytery other than the one having oversight of the one called.
m. When the person called is from a congregation within another presbytery, the presbytery of the congregation making the call, having approved it, shall forward it to the other presbytery for evaluation and presentation.
n. If the call is accepted the credentials of the person called shall be transferred to the presbytery of the congregation making the call.
o. That presbytery shall take necessary steps toward ordination and/or installation.

E. PROCEDURES FOR EXAMINATION, ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The examination, ordination and installation of a teaching elder belongs to the presbytery alone. Presbytery shall hold the credentials which shall include as complete a record as possible of his education, certification to preach, eligibility to receive a call, ordination and installation(s). Ordination should be with a view to, and in connection with, installation into a pastoral relationship. A board may request permission from Synod for the presbytery to ordain a man to minister in a special field.

1. AUTHORIZATION

Presbytery shall authorize the ordination and/or installation as follows:

a. Presbytery, or a commission of presbytery, shall arrange for the examination, ordination and/or installation of a teaching elder-elect at the earliest convenience of the parties involved. (Any objections by concerned parties shall be presented in writing to the Ad Interim Commission prior to the called meeting. If objections are raised, the Commission shall deal with them before proceeding.)
b. The commission or presbytery, in consultation with the session, shall set the time, date and place for the examination, ordination and/or installation.

2. CALLING OF MEETINGS

a. The commission or presbytery shall issue an edict and direct that it be read to the congregation on the two preceding Lord's Days. (See Form #11.)
b. If the congregation has no public meeting, ten days notice by mail or phone to all members who can be reached shall be sufficient.
c. The date of ordination and/or installation is subject to the sustaining of his examination by presbytery.

3. MEETING FOR EXAMINATION

The examination of a teaching elder-elect entering his first pastorate within the RPC shall proceed as follows:

a. At the appointed time, presbytery shall be constituted with prayer by an elder.
b. The candidate shall be examined in the following:
   (1) A sermon preached on an assigned portion of Scripture.
   (2) Personal godliness.
   (3) Soundness in the faith and commitment to the *Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church*.
c. The roll of presbytery shall be called following each area of examination, and members shall respond with a vote of "I sustain" or "I do not sustain." Any member may state the reasons for his vote or make appropriate comment(s). If the examination is sustained by a two-thirds vote, presbytery may then adjourn to meet at a later time for the ordination and installation service or may elect to proceed immediately.

4. MEETING FOR ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

The order of this meeting shall be as follows:

a. If presbytery adjourned following the examination meeting, the service of ordination and installation should begin with the constitution of the court.
b. The steps taken up to this point shall be narrated.
c. The edict shall be read for the last time.
d. Recognizing that the examination of the candidate has already been sustained, the congregation shall be asked to indicate their adherence to the call by a rising vote.
e. The candidate shall be asked to indicate his adherence to his acceptance of the call.
f. The candidate shall come forward and answer the prescribed Queries for Ordination.
g. Having given his assent to the queries, he shall sign them.
h. A sermon shall be preached by an appointed elder.
i. The candidate to be ordained shall kneel and the members of presbytery shall lay their hands upon his head as the formal words

of ordination are uttered in prayer. In case of installation, only a prayer of installation shall be offered.

j. A suggested formula of ordination for use in prayer is as follows: "... bless your servant (naming him) as we do now set him apart as a minister of the gospel in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church and install him as teaching elder of (name) congregation..."

k. The clerk of presbytery is now responsible to hold his credentials.

l. His membership is transferred to the congregation where he is installed.

m. Special charges to the newly-installed teaching elder and congregation may be given at the discretion of the presbytery.

n. Presbytery shall be adjourned with prayer, and the new teaching elder shall pronounce the benediction.

o. Members of presbytery and others present shall be given opportunity to extend the right hand of fellowship to the newly-installed pastor and his family.

p. The installation of a previously ordained elder is the same as outlined above except the particular steps which refer only to ordination.

q. A teaching elder ordained in another true branch of the visible church may be received into the Reformed Presbyterian Church when he has met our denomination's conditions for a teaching elder. He shall be examined by the presbytery or a commission. A member of the presbytery shall lead in prayer on his behalf, and he shall sign the Queries for Ordination. Members of the presbytery shall be given the opportunity to extend the right hand of fellowship.

5. CESSATION OF SERVICE

A teaching elder's service may cease under the following circumstances:

a. A teaching elder may request the presbytery to release him from his relationship with the congregation.

b. Any teaching elder desiring to resign shall give notice of his intention to the congregation at least two weeks before offering his resignation to the presbytery. If the congregation objects to this action, their objections should be considered by presbytery.

c. Presbytery shall set the date upon which the pastoral relationship shall be dissolved and shall with prayer effect the dissolution.

d. Presbytery shall inform the clerk of session by letter that the pulpit has been declared vacant. This letter shall be read to the congregation. The letter shall also contain presbytery's authorization and counsel regarding pulpit supply, administration of sacraments and moderating a call.

e. If the resignation of the teaching elder leaves the session with only one congregationally elected member, presbytery, to maintain the organization of the congregation, shall appoint at least one provisional elder.

f. When because of special circumstances such as health, age, et cetera, a teaching elder is no longer able to exercise regularly his pastoral duties, his presbytery may with care relieve him of the official duties of his office and declare his status to be inactive.
g. A retired teaching elder maintains the privileges of his office.
h. A teaching elder who has moved into the jurisdiction of another presbytery shall have his credentials transferred to that presbytery and his communicant membership changed to the local congregation.
i. A teaching elder desiring affiliation with another denomination may upon application be given credentials by his presbytery and a letter of standing by his session. If there are charges pending, they shall be included.
j. A teaching elder who leaves the denomination without a regular dismissal is not considered to be in regular standing. It is the responsibility of the presbytery to notify the receiving body of this fact and to seek to clear any possible conflict between the two bodies.
k. A congregation desiring a change in the pastoral relationship may make official request to the session through:
   (1) A committee authorized by the congregation.
   (2) A petition signed by a majority of the congregation's members.
l. If the session refuses the above request, the congregation may petition presbytery directly.

6. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

A teaching elder may be removed from office. The following principles apply to this procedure:

a. A teaching elder can be divested of his ordination by depositition at the hands of the presbytery.
b. A session may petition the presbytery to dissolve the relationship between a particular teaching elder and the congregation; yet the presbytery holds original jurisdiction regarding the deposition of a teaching elder from his ordination.
c. In extraordinary cases the presbytery may also initiate jurisdiction if it concludes that a particular session has been unable to exercise proper discipline over the teaching elder in question.
d. Procedure for judicial process is set forth in the *Book of Discipline*.
e. Presbytery shall set the date upon which the pastoral relationship shall be dissolved and shall with prayer effect the dissolution.
f. Presbytery shall inform the clerk of session by letter that the pulpit has been declared vacant. This letter shall be read to the congregation. The letter shall also contain presbytery's authorization and counsel regarding pulpit supply, administration of sacraments and moderating a call.
g. If the removal of the teaching elder leaves the session with only one congregationally elected member, presbytery, to maintain the

organization of the congregation, shall appoint at least one provisional elder.

h. If a teaching elder undergoing judicial process leaves the denomination, ordinarily charges against him should be tried.

i. A teaching elder forfeits his ordination by renouncing his faith, or may do so by conduct unbecoming a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Such actions warrant judicial process.)

7. CESSATION OF ORDINATION

The continuing privileges and responsibilities of ordination would cease if:

a. A teaching elder is deposed from his ordination by judicial action of a church court.

b. A teaching elder's request that his ordination be terminated is granted by a church court after careful consideration.

DEACONS

III. DEACONS

The Diaconate is a spiritual office responsible for the ministry of mercy and stewardship of the congregation. It is neither a ruling nor a teaching office. Its exercise, like the whole life of the church, is under the oversight of the session and its function is administrative.

A. QUALIFICATIONS

Those eligible to be called as deacons must:

1. Be communicant members in good standing of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.
2. Evidence the standards of character and conduct consistent with those set forth in Acts 6:3; I Timothy 3:8-13 and I Corinthians 12:28.
3. Be knowledgable in and committed to the subordinate doctrinal standards of the denomination as being consistent with Scriptures.

B. DUTIES

The regular attendance and duties of deacons include:

1. Regular attendence and participation in the meetings of the deacon board.
2. Meeting jointly with the session periodically for prayer, evaluation and growth in their respective ministries.
3. Maintaining an active ministry of mercy, such as:
   a. Leading the congregation in discerning and ministering to needs such as: (1) local needs of individuals and institutions, (2) national and international needs.
   b. Gathering and distribution of funds.
   c. Training the congregation in the use of the members' gifts in the ministry of mercy.

d. Helping the congregation evaluate requests for funds by organizations outside the denomination.

4. Maintaining an active ministry of stewardship, such as:
   a. Overseeing the work of the treasurer.
   b. Appointing a finance committee as needed.
   c. Keeping the congregation informed at least quarterly of financial needs.
   d. Securing an annual audit of all the congregations accounts.
   e. Preparing an annual budget in conjunction with the session.
   f. Offering family budget counseling.
   g. Teaching principles of giving.
   h. Overseeing the maintenance of the property.
5. Developing these ministries by personal visitation.
6. Performing other duties assigned to them by the session, congregation or presbytery.

C. PRIVILEGES

The board of deacons has no legislative or judicial powers; its work is wholly administrative, subject to the direction of the session and sensitive to the counsel of the congregation.

The regular privileges of deacons include:
1. Serving as permanent members of the board of deacons to which they are elected.
2. Serving as consultative members in higher courts of the Church when appointed.

D. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION

1. AUTHORIZATION

An election of deacons may be authorized as follows:
a. The initiative for an election of deacons must include one or more of the following:
   (1) A request from the deacon board that an increase of its membership is needed.
   (2) A judgment of the session that there are qualified persons in the congregation, and an increase in the number of deacons is necessary.
   (3) An appeal from the congregation to the session to increase the number of deacons.
b. An election of deacons is to be conducted by the session at a specially called meeting of the congregation.

2. CALLING A MEETING

The procedure to call a meeting will be:
a. The session shall issue an edict setting the date, time and place for an election (see Form #7).

b. Eight days notice of the meeting shall be given publicly to the congregation by reading of the edict at the worship services on the two preceding Lord's Days
c. If the congregation has no public meeting, ten days notice by mail or phone to all members who can be reached shall be sufficient.

3. ORDER OF MEETING

a. The congregation, having been called together for the election, the session shall be constituted by the moderator or presbytery's appointee.
b. The session shall have a complete list of all communicant members of the congregation in good standing from which a quorum is to be detrmined (one-half of the resident members). A quorum is necessary for each ballot.
c. Inquiry by the moderator if the congregation still desires to proceed with the election.
d. The final reading of the edict.
e. Worship, with a sermon, shall be conducted under the direction of the session.
f. The election shall be conducted.
g. The court shall be adjourned with prayer.

4. BALLOTING

The election shall be conducted as follows:

a. The session may indicate their judgment as to the number of positions to be filled by the election. Such judgment shall be based on the needs of the congregation and the evidence of spiritual maturity of potential candidates.
b. Session may submit a list of nominations.
c. If the session has indicated its desire for a certain number of deacons, its list of nominees shall not contain less than that number.
d. Nominations may also be made by a communicant member of the congregation present.
e. The election may also proceed without nominations.
f. Even when nominations have been made, votes may be cast for any qualified candidate.
g. Voting shall be by ballot, and the ballots shall be received by roll call.
h. When the number to be elected is determined, the number of names per ballot is not to exceed the announced number to be elected.
i. Communicant members unable to attend the meeting may send their votes in writing, enclosed in sealed envelopes which bear their names and are addressed to the session.
j. The use of a nominating ballot is not encouraged; if it is used, absentee votes are valid only on the first electing ballot.

k. Only those receiving at least two-thirds of the votes cast shall be declared deacons-elect. Blank ballots shall be counted in determining the total number of votes cast.
l. If a two-thirds vote has not been reached after three ballots, the moderator, in consultation with the session, may postpone the election.
m. Two tellers shall be appointed by the moderator to collect the ballots and tabulate the results of the election.

E. PROCEDURE FOR EXAMINATION, ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

1. EXAMINATION

The examination of a deacon-elect shall proceed as follows:

a. The deacon-elect shall notify the session, preferably within two weeks, regarding his intention to accept or decline the call of the congregation.
b. If the deacon-elect indicates his desire to accept the call, the session shall meet in constituted court to examine him with respect to his qualifications as stated above in section I.,A.
c. The session shall examine him in his soundness in the faith and in his commitment to the *Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church*.
d. If the session shall judge any deacon-elect unfit for the office, it shall not proceed with his ordination and/or installation.
e. Ordination will not be required if:
   (1) A deacon-elect holds ordination in the denomination as a deacon.
   (2) A deacon-elect is certified as having been ordained to an equivalent office in another denomination of the visible church and has met our denominational conditions to be a deacon.
f. Public ordination and/or installation to the board of deacons will be required of all deacons-elect who have declared their desire to serve and have been examined and approved by the session.

2. AUTHORIZATION

The session shall authorize the ordination and/or installation in the following manner:

a. The session shall set the time, date and place for the ordination and installation of qualified deacons-elect. (Any objections by the congregation shall be presented to the session in writing prior to the called meeting. Session shall act on the objection prior to the called meeting.)
b. Notice of the date, time, location, and names of the deacon(s)-elect shall be given by the installing session to all sessions within the presbytery.

3. CALLING A MEETING

To call a meeting for ordination and/or installation:

a. An edict shall be prepared by the session.
b. The edict shall be read eight days prior to the congregational meeting at the worship services on the two preceding Lord's Days.
c. If the congregation has no public meeting, ten days notice by mail or phone to all members who can be reached shall be sufficient.

4. ORDER OF MEETING

The order of the meeting shall be as follows:

a. The session shall be constituted by the moderator or presbytery's appointee, and the privileges of the floor shall be extended to all elders of the denomination present.
b. A quorum of one-half of the resident communicant membership shall be confirmed.
c. The edict shall be read for the final time.
d. Worship, with a sermon, shall be conducted under the direction of the session.
e. An appointed elder shall narrate the previous steps leading up to the ordination and/or installation.
f. An appointed elder shall ask the appropriate Queries for Ordination of the candidates and elicit an affirmative response.
g. Candidates shall publicly sign the Queries for Ordination.
h. In the case of ordination and installation the candidate shall kneel for prayer and all elders present shall be invited to join in the laying on of hands.
i. In the case of installation only an installation prayer shall be offered.
j. An elder shall offer the prayer of ordination and/or installation in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ.
k. The elders shall extend the right hand of fellowship receiving the newly-installed deacon(s).
l. Special charges to the newly installed deacon(s) and to the congregation may be given at the discretion of the session.
m. The session shall adjourn and close the meeting with prayer and the benediction.
n. Opportunity shall be given to the congregation and friends to greet the newly installed deacon(s).

5. CESSATION OF SERVICE ON A BOARD OF DEACONS

A deacon's service may cease under the following circumstances:

a. A deacon may request the session to accept his resignation from the board of deacons
b. A deacon whose resignation has been accepted must be re-elected in order to serve again in that office.

c. A deacon is no longer able to serve regularly on the board of deacons to which he was installed for reasons of distance, health, or other justifiable reasons, his session shall move with care to relieve him of the official exercise of his office and declare his status to be inactive (i.e. non-voting). In cases of suspension, see *Book of Discipline*.
d. A deacon or his session may arrange for a sabbatical leave of normally up to one year, during which time he shall be on inactive status.
e. A congregation may arrange for rotation of deacons, subject to the approval of session and presbytery.
f. A deacon granted an inactive status may be reinstated to active service at the discretion of the session.
g. A deacon ceases to serve on a session when he has moved his communicant membership into the jurisdiction of another session.

6. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

A deacon may be removed from office. The following principles shall apply to this procedure:

a. A deacon can be divested of his ordination only by deposition at the hands of his session or presbytery.
b. The session shall notify the presbytery whenever it intends to initiate deposition procedures by forwarding a copy of the charges.
c. In extraordinary cases the session may appeal to presbytery to assume jurisdiction in adjudicating a proposed deposition.
d. In extraordinary cases the presbytery may also originate jurisdiction if it concludes that a particular session has been unable to exercise proper discipline over the deacon in question.
e. No deacon shall be suspended or deposed except after a fair trial.
f. Procedure for judicial process is set forth in the Book of *Discipline*.

7. CESSATION OF ORDINATION

The continuing privileges and responsibilities of ordination would cease if:

a. A deacon is deposed from his ordination by judicial action of a church court.
b. A deacon's request that his ordination be terminated is granted by a church court after careful consideration.

CHAPTER 4

THE SESSION

1. The session is the court having original jurisdiction over the members of a congregation. It consists of at least two resident elders elected by the congregation. A majority of the number of elders shall constitute a quorum. Where there is but one elder the congregation becomes disorganized. Steps should be taken to increase the number

by requesting the presbytery for the appointment of a provisional elder(s) leading to the election of at least one additional resident elder.

2. Ordinarily, a teaching elder is the moderator of the session. Extraordinary circumstances may arise where it is advisable for the session to elect as moderator an elder other than the teaching elder, or for the moderator to be appointed by presbytery. No elder shall moderate session in the absence of the regular moderator without the authority of the presbytery.
3. A teaching elder may be appointed by the presbytery to serve as a stated supply in a congregation. He shall be appointed to serve for a given period of time and may be asked to moderate the session. A licentiate may serve as a stated supply, but shall not perform the functions of an ordained officer.
4. The moderator shall see that the session is properly constituted and adjourned in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the church. He shall direct the business in accord with the law and order of the Church and may vote. The session shall elect one of its members as clerk. He shall see that announcement is made of the meetings, keep accurate record of the proceedings, handle correspondence and fulfill other responsibilities as ordered by the court. He shall issue citations when required and shall furnish extracts from the minutes when ordered by the court. He shall have charge of all papers and records belonging to the session.
5. The session shall hold meeting at stated intervals. Ordinarily, meetings and minutes of the session are open to members of the congregation except when "executive session" is called. Special meetings may be called by the moderator at his discretion, or upon request. The constitution and adjournment of the court shall be duly recorded in the minutes, with the names of the members in attendance. The meetings of the session shall center around prayer for wisdom in dealing with those persons under its care. No action is official unless taken at a regularly called and constituted meeting. Actions agreed upon by the members meeting informally must be ratified at a regular meeting and recorded. The minutes of all meetings must be read for correction and approval, transcribed in the record book and signed by the moderator and clerk. The record book of the session shall be presented for review by the presbytery once a year, or at such times as the presbytery may designate.
6. The session alone admits to and dismisses from the membership of the congregation. The clerk shall keep a complete and accurate record of all persons admitted to membership or suspended from or dismissed from membership, of baptisms including dates of birth of infants baptized and of deaths. The record shall include the date of each event. He shall also keep up-to-date rolls of all those in communicant membership, of baptized members, and non-members approved to commune with the congregation.

7. A particular responsibility of the session is to care for the spiritual interests of the congregation and of each member. Therefore, it shall maintain the ordinances of public worship in accordance with the principles of the church. It shall be responsible for the leadership of the singing, for the observances of the sacraments, and for the visitation of the people of the congregation. It should exercise general supervision of Christian education, missionary societies, young people's societies and all other organizations and activities in the congregation. It shall guard against any inappropriate or disorderly use of the church building. It shall particularly seek to provide wholesome recreation for its young people.
8. The session is subordinate to the higher courts and shall be governed by their decisions. Each session is to insure that it will be adequately represented at respective meetings of the higher courts. It shall appoint and certify delegates to the meetings of presbytery and Synod and furnish certificates signed by the moderator and clerk. The elders who are delegates to any regular meeting of the superior courts shall be members of any special meeting, unless it be a *pro re nata* meeting for the purpose of changing the time or place, in which case the delegates to the ensuing regular meeting shall serve.
9. All judicial action affecting the standing of the members of the congregation shall be initiated in the session, and the trial shall be conducted in accordance with the rules set forth in the *Book of Discipline*. All communications, appeals, complaints, and papers by members of the congregation or of the session, which are addressed to presbytery or to Synod must be brought before the session for transmission to the higher court. It shall be transmitted unless the communication deals with improper subjects or is expressed in disrespectful language. The transmission of the paper by the session does not imply its endorsement of the views expressed.
10. A session may present a paper to presbytery on any subject to which, in its judgment, the attention of the presbytery should be called. It may refer to the presbytery and doctrinal or disciplinary difficulty with which it does not feel competent to deal. Such reference shall be accompanied by a full statement of the problem.

CHAPTER 5

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

1. The work of the Board of Deacons is a spiritual service and is administrative. The board does not have legislative or judicial powers. In the absence of deacons their ministries of mercy and stewardship are included in the responsibilities of the elders.
2. The deacons shall organize as a board, choosing a chairman and secretary from their own membership, and also a treasurer, unless the congregation fills this office. They shall meet at stated intervals

and shall open and close their meetings with prayer. Adequate records of these meetings should be recorded.

3. The duties of the board of deacons include:
   a. Maintaining an active ministry of mercy. There should be a mercy fund for the relief of needy persons, both within the congregation and outside of it, whether Christian or non-Christian. The mercy fund may be supplied by voluntary gifts above the regular offering and may be kept in a separate account. Session may assign other tasks that relate to the ministry of mercy
   b. Overseeing the finances of the congregation. This includes receiving the offerings and other income and keeping an accurate record of all contributions. It also includes the responsibility of insuring that the financial obligations of the congregation are met, and that periodic financial reports are made to the congregation. Financial policies and the development of stewardship should be the responsibility of the Session.

      The deacons should oversee a proposed budget for congregational approval providing for the needs and responsibilities of the congregation including an adequate salary for the pastor and other employees. The deacons should make the congregation aware of and encourage giving to other works of the Church as reflected in the missions and ministries of presbytery and synod.
   c. The deacons should oversee the maintenance and repair of the property of the congregation.

      Large financial outlay, not included in the annual budget, shall be submitted to the congregation for approval.

CHAPTER 6

THE PRESBYTERY

1. Groups of congregations are organized into presbyteries within certain geographical boundaries. Appeal for such organization may be made to the Synod by interested congregations.
2. The Synod, alone, may organize a presbytery, define its approximate boundaries, determine which congregations shall be under its oversight, and approve its name. The credentials of all teaching elders, including those who are serving as ruling elders in particular congregations, shall be held by the presbytery in which they reside. The session of each congregation within the presbytery shall send delegates to each meeting of presbytery; these would normally include a teaching elder and a ruling elder, but congregations with more than one hundred members (communicant and baptized) shall be entitled to an additional delegate. Each presbytery shall determine its policies for other certifications and for participation in the travel fund. Elders from other presbyteries and elders from other

denominations with whom we have fraternal relations may be invited to be consultative members without the right to vote.

3. A presbytery shall hold regular meetings at least once a year. It shall meet within its boundaries except, by permission of Synod, during the meeting of Synod. In the latter case due notice of the meetings shall be given on the floor of Synod. The elders of the presbytery who are delegates to Synod shall be members of such meetings of the presbytery. An Ad Interim Commission may be appointed to attend to necessary business in the interval between regular meetings.
4. A presbytery may arrange special meetings. The moderator may, at his own discretion, or upon the request of two members, call a meeting to transact business requiring immediate attention. At least ten days notice shall be given, and the call shall specify the business to be considered. The first decision after the organization of the court shall be on the question of sustaining the action of the moderator in calling the meeting. The presbytery shall consider only the business specified; other items may be introduced by a two-thirds vote.
5. If a presbytery adjourns without fixing a time or place for the next meeting, or if the presbytery fails to meet at the fixed time, it shall be the duty of the moderator, or if he is absent or disqualified, of the clerk, to call a meeting of the presbytery that it may resume its functions. Notice shall be sent through the sessions to each congregation at least ten days before the time set. If a presbytery becomes permanently disorganized, the Synod shall allocate the congregations to the presbyteries that are most convenient.
6. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a number equal to one-half of the congregations on the roll of presbytery, one-forth of whom shall be ruling elders, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.
7. Each presbytery shall elect from its members a moderator, a clerk and, if needed, an assistant-clerk. These shall serve for one year and may be re-elected. It shall be the duty of the moderator to see that each session of the court is opened with a devotional service and constituted and adjourned with prayer in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church. The moderator shall perform the duties commonly belonging to the presiding officer in a church court; he shall state the subject to be discussed, keep members to the questions before the court, maintain order, decide disputed points of order not matters of law and, if requested, sum up the argument before putting the vote; he does not vote when the aye's and nay's are called for, and in other cases does vote when the aye's and nay's are equal on a question.
8. In case of the absence or disability of the moderator, the clerk shall have power to call a special meeting, if necessary. Upon convening, either in regular or special session, the court shall be constituted

by the last preceding moderator, who shall preside during the organization of the court and the election of a new moderator or of a moderator *pro tem*.

9. The clerk of presbytery shall keep the minutes of the presbytery meetings, which shall be read, corrected and adopted at the close of each meeting. He shall prepare a list of items of unfinished business which should have the attention of the presbytery. He shall see that the record book of the presbytery is presented at Synod for review, and shall prepare a report to Synod every year concerning students of theology, licensures, ordinations, installations, the number of teaching elders, those without charge, congregations without teaching elders, the dissolutions of pastoral relationships, the oraganization, disorganization, union or division of congregations, important congregational or presbytery-wide projects and other data which indicate the conditions within the presbytery. The report must be submitted to the presbytery for adoption before it is presented to the Synod.
10. It is the duty of the presbytery to maintain a faithful supervision over all the congregations within its bounds and to provide for presbyterial visitation, to guard against any teaching contrary to sound doctrine and any corruption of the worship of God, and to institute presbyterial discipline when necessary. The presbytery should give special care to vacant congregations, see that they are properly organized, that the session and boards of deacons and trustees function as they should, and that the ordinances are regularly maintained.
11. Presbyteries should make a careful survey of the territory within their bounds with a view to establishing preaching stations in needy fields which might be nurtured into congregations.
12. The presbytery shall review the sessional records of the congregations once a year and make note of anything contrary to the law and order of the church. It shall adjudicate all matters coming before it by appeal, complaint, reference or petition from the sessions, or from members of the congregations, if properly transmitted by the sessions, and shall transmit to the Synod all papers, regular in form, requiring the attention of that body. If a session refuses to transfer any paper submitted by an individual member, he may appeal to the presbytery and ask for a hearing.
13. The presbytery shall have oversight of the men preparing for the gospel ministry and shall have power to license candidates for the teaching eldership. It shall direct the moderation of calls, determine whether they are in order, and present them, if considered to be for the best interests of all concerned. The presbytery has power to ordain, install, try, remove, suspend or depose teaching elders. It shall receive the credentials of teaching elders from other presbyteries and transfer such credentials to other presbyteries. It

may receive teaching elders from other denominations or dismiss teaching elders who desire to withdraw from this denomination. (See Chapter 3, Section 2)

14. The presbytery is subordinate to the Synod, is bound by its action, and is under obligation to carry out its decrees. It is the right and privilege of the presbytery to petition Synod.
15. The presbytery may facilitate its work by referring to committees various items of business for consideration and for report with recommendations. The presbytery may also transact business through commissions. A commission has the full authority of the court which appoints it in matters referred to it, subject to the review of the appointing court. The Ad Interim Commission, appointed to attend to necessary business between regular called meetings of presbytery, may attend to the moderation, sustaining, and presentation of calls and to installations, and may arrange for ordinations; they also are to deal with other items which need the attention of the presbytery in the interim. A judicial commission may be appointed to investigate a situation or adjudicate a case which has come before the presbytery. The quorum of a commission shall consist of not less than two-thirds of its members. A commission shall report to the presbytery and submit its minutes, which shall be spread on the minutes of the presbytery. The minutes of the commission cannot be changed by the presbytery, but the presbytery may rescind the action of the commission.
16. The presbytery, having completed its work, shall adjourn in prayer in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the church to meet at a given time and place.

CHAPTER 7

THE SYNOD

1. The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America is the highest court of the Church, and is the bond of organic union, co-operation, and mutual helpfulness, between the presbyteries. It is responsible for the continuing reformation of the Church in maintaining the subordinate standards of the Church in harmony with the Scriptural truth and order. Its decisions are final, but its authority is limited by its subordinate standards.
2. The session of each congregation shall send certified delegates to each meeting of Synod; these would normally include a teaching elder and a ruling elder but where a congregation has called other teaching elders to serve on its staff they should also be certified as delegates. Congregations with more than 100 members (communicant and baptized) shall be entitled to an additional delegate. Teaching elders who are retired or who are serving the church under oversight of boards of Synod or are certified by a presbytery are also

delegates to Synod. The clerk shall make up a roll of all of the above-mentioned elders. No member shall withdraw from the Synod before final adjournment without the consent of the court. Synod shall reimburse from its travel fund certified delegates from each congregation. All teaching elders and others required to be there for Synod's business are also eligible to participate in the travel fund.

3. The Synod shall meet annually and before the adjournment of any meeting shall fix the time and place of the next meeting. Synod may itself appoint special meetings to attend to particular business. In cases of emergency, the moderator may at his own discretion, or in response to the request of a presbytery, or of twelve elders representing at least two presbyteries, call a special meeting. If for any reason the moderator is unable to act, the clerk may issue the call. At least thirty days notice shall be given, and the purpose of the meeting specifically stated. The call of the moderator must first be sustained before Synod can proceed to the business specified, and no other business can be transacted at any special meeting except by a two-thirds vote of the court.
4. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a number equal to one-half of the congregations upon the roll of Synod, one-fourth of whom shall be ruling elders, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.
5. The annual meeting of Synod shall begin with a service of worship. The retiring moderator, or an alternate appointed at the previous meeting, shall preach the sermon. The moderator shall then constitute the court with prayer. In case of the absence or disqualification of the moderator, the court shall be constituted by the last preceding moderator. After the call of the roll by the clerk, Synod shall proceed to the election of a moderator. Any member of the court may nominate a candidate. Any member of the court may be elected moderator. The election may be by ballot, voice, show of hands, or rising, as the court may choose. The moderator-elect shall immediately assume office.
6. After election of a clerk and assistant clerk, the former clerk shall submit his report, concerning the duties assigned him by the previous Synod and listing the errors of the published minutes. The adoption of the clerk's report shall constitute Synod's approval of the published minutes as corrected. The clerk shall make the necessary corrections in one official copy of the published minutes, certify them as correct, and place them on file in the office of the stated clerk, who is the official statistician and keeper of records for the denomination. Synod's clerk shall have previously prepared and published a docket for the approval of Synod together with the reports of boards and committees. He shall include in the docket a list of items of unfinished business.

7. Each day's session of meeting of Synod shall be constituted and adjourned in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the church, either by the moderator or by a member of the court named by him.
8. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over all meetings of Synod during his term of office, which shall be until the next annual meeting of Synod. He shall see that the business of Synod is conducted in an orderly manner, according to the general rules governing ecclesiastical assemblies, and any special rules which Synod may have adopted. He shall appoint the regular and standing committees of Synod not otherwise provided for. Committees shall ordinarily consist of three to five elders. The person first named shall be considered chairman of the committee.
9. The clerk shall make up the roll of Synod, which shall be taken at each session of Synod. He shall keep a record of the attendance, and include it in the published minutes. The minutes of each session shall be read for correction and approval.
10. The work of the Synod shall be carried on through boards, permanent committees and commissions (See Chapter 6, Section 15), which shall make a full report of their work at each meeting of Synod. Such subordinate agencies shall work according to the instructions of Synod. Permanent boards and committees shall be so organized that the terms of only a minor portion of their membership expire each year. In most cases, the term shall be for three years, one-third of the members being elected each year. Except as approved by Synod as essential to continue, members of boards and committees are limited to two consecutive terms.
11. All communication from subordinate courts, or from individuals not members of the court, to be brought to the attention of Synod, such as papers, petitions, proposed overtures, appeals and complaints, unless presented by members of the court, must bear endorsement showing that they have been regularly transfered by the lower courts. Synod, however, may assume original jurisdiction over all matters affecting the purity and welfare of the church, and may, without complaint or appeal, investigate and adjudicate any matter requiring its attention or may direct the lower courts to deal with the matter. A complaint or appeal against the decision of a judicial commission of Synod may be made to the Synod itself.
12. Proposed major changes in the constitutional law require that formal notice be given to the Synod a year in advance. No change shall be made in the fundamental law of the church until the proposed change has been sent down in overture and has been approved by two-thirds of all the sessions of the church (not including provisional sessions) that cast votes and a majority of the elders voting. The Synod shall canvass the vote and declare the decision. (See *Book of Discipline*, Chapter VIII)

13. It is the privilege of a member of Synod to dissent from an action to which he is opposed and to have his dissent and the reasons therefor recorded in the minutes, if they are respectful and of reasonable length. He must, however, give notice of his dissent at the time the action is taken but may be allowed until the next day's session to formulate his reasons.
14. Synod shall determine the funds necessary to carry on the work of the church for the ensuing year and designate the amount to be allocated to the several boards and committees for their respective ministries. It shall also devise and recommend ways and means of raising the required amounts.

CHAPTER 8

RULES OF ORDER FOR A MEETING OF SYNOD

1. The following rules for the guidance of Synod are those commonly observed by the courts of all churches in the presbyterian system. In so far as they are applicable they should be followed also by lower courts. It is not to be assumed that they meet every condition, for "Under extraordinary circumstances, extraordinary things may be done."
2. After the organization of Synod, the moderator shall call for papers addressed to the court (chapter 6, par. 11). All papers must be presented within the first three days. A paper is considered regular in form when it has either: (1) been transferred by a lower court or a board of Synod, or (2) bears the signature of at least two members of the court. If regular in form and properly transferred, so much of each one shall be read as indicayes the matter with which it deals. It may be disposed of in any of the following ways: (1) acted on immediately, (2) referred to a committee, commission or board for study, or (3) placed on Synod's docket for later consideration.
3. Reports from boards, commissions, permanent committees, committees appointed by the moderator, and committees appointed by the Synod come properly before the Synod as they are scheduled in the docket. For reports that are printed in the *Digest* it is normal procedure to read only the recommendations. These reports and recommendations are before the court for immediate discussion and adoption unless some special disposition of the matter is proposed. No motion is necessary for Synod to take action on the recommendations or the report as a whole. No substantive changes are to made in the body of the report on the floor of Synod; if a report is to be changed substantively it is to be resubmitted to the board or committee.
4. It shall be out of order to call for persons to be heard following a report, unless for a definite and special reason which shall be stated

to the court; provided, however, that a single short speech, when needed to stress the value or importance of an item of the work of the church, shall be in order without special permission of the court. The time allowed for such a speech shall not exceed five minutes, except by special permission of the court; and the assistant clerk shall give a signal one minute before the expiration of the allotted time. When the court decides that persons shall be heard following a report, the time limit for any one speech shall not exceed ten minutes, and the total time for all speeches following a single report shall not exceed thirty minutes. The speakers shall be informed by the assistant clerk as to the amount of time at their disposal before they address the court. The assistan clerk shall be provided with a signal system, which he shall ring one minute before the expiration of the time for any such speech and again at the expiration of the time. If the speaker continues after the second ringing of the bell, the moderator shall require him to desist. Courtesy to a particular speaker must not be allowed to interfere with the business of the entire Synod.

5. All other matters to be considered by the Court must be brought before the Synod by motion of a member of the court and seconded by a member of the court. Motions are to be in written form and handed to the clerk before being debated and voted upon. Special resolutions fall into this category and if signed by two or more members of the Court do not need a second. A two-thirds vote of Synod is necessary to receive a special resolution following the deadline for the introduction of papers.
6. The moderator shall at all times enforce the rule that there be no discussion of any matter until there is a motion before the house. Main motions are used to introduce business, require a second and are debatable. Motions dealing with expenditures of money should designate the recommended source of such expenditures. Motions calling for reports should indicate whether the report is to be brought to the current meeting of Synod or to a future meeting of Synod.
7. Subsidiary motions are applied to main motions in order to dispose of them most appropriately. All require a second. They are as follows:
   a. To commit. The object is to place the business in the hands of a smaller body for study and recommendations. A motion may be committed (or referred) to a board or existing committee or special committee. The motion to commit should designate the board or committee to whom the item is to be committed. Items involving the expenditure of money are automatically referred to the Committee on Finance. Items involving appointment or election of board or committee members are automatically committed to the Nominating Committee.

b. To amend. The object is to change or modify. Debate should be confined to the amendment. An amendment germane to the motion may be proposed. An amendment to an amendment may be moved, but no further complication shall be permitted. The vote shall be first on the amendment of the second degree, then on the amendment to the motion, and finally on the motion as amended.

c. To substitute. A motion not germane to the one being considered may be moved as a substitute. This is done by moving to lay the original motion on the table "to entertain the following substitute: '_____'." If the motion to entertain the substitute carries, the substitute becomes the question before the house, and,if it passes, the original motion is lost. If the substitute is voted down, the motion comes automatically before the Court.

d. To divide. If a motion contains two or more parts which involve separate principles or statements of fact, a division of the question may be called for and must be granted. Each part shall be considered and voted on as an independent motion.

e. To lay on the table. The object is to postpone action until a later time. Discussion is limited to the propriety of postponing. It can be amended as to time. It requires a two-thirds vote. The item can be taken up again in the same session by a majority vote.

f. To postpone indefinitely. The object is to kill the motion without bringing it to a vote. It is debatable and requires a two-thirds vote.

g. To cut off debate (to call for the "previous question"). The object is to cut off debate on the motion immediately before the court. It requires a two-thirds vote. If passed, the only qualifying motion allowable is for a record of the yea's and nay's. The vote should be taken immediately. (To call "Question" from the floor is not appropriate, and has no formal validity.)

h. To withdraw. A motion may be withdrawn by the maker with the consent of the second if it has not been debated. Otherwise consent to withdraw must be obtained from the court.

i. To reconsider. The object is to bring back to the floor action already decided by the current meeting of Synod. A motion to reconsider can be made and seconded only by the members of Synod who voted with the majority on the previous action. The motion is debatable and requires a simple majority. If passed, the original motion is again open for discussion and vote.

j. To appeal the action of the Committee on Finance. Where the Committee on Finance recommends no action or modified action on recommendations or resolutions calling for the appropriation of money, boards and committees making the recom-

mendations or those signing the resolution, or any two of them, shall have the right to appeal from this decision by moving and seconding the original recommendation or resolution on the floor of Synod immediately after the report of the Committee on Finance is disposed of.

8. Incidental motions which may be raised at any time are as follows:
   a. Point of Order. A member of the Court may at any time break into the debate, by gaining the moderator's attention, and saying, "I rise to a point of order." The moderator will ask, "What is your point of order?" Points of order may be: debate without a motion, debate not relevant to the motion, or a serious breach of decorum on the part of the speaker. The moderator shall decide whether the speaker or his debate is out of order.
   b. Appeal. Any member of the court with a second may appeal from any decision of the moderator. The moderator may stand on his decision or submit it to the parliamentarians. If the decision of the parliamentarians or of the moderator is still appealed, it shall be put before the Court in this way, "Do you sustain the decision of the moderator?"
9. Privileged motions are motions which take precedence over all other questions and are undebatable. They are as follows:
   a. Order of the Day. The object is to determine the time when specific business will come before the Court. The clerk shall be alert to determine that there has not already been an order of the day established at that time.
   b. Adjourn. The object is to stop business immediately. It requires a second.
   c. To extend the time. The object is to continue business beyond the established time of adjournment. It requires a second. It may be amended and may be reconsidered.
10. The following motions must be decided without debate.
   a. To adjourn.
   b. To take up particular items of business or motions relating to the priority of business (Order of the day).
   c. To cut off debate (for the previous question).
11. The following motions require a two-thirds vote:
   a. To postpone indefinitely.
   b. To lay on the table.
   c. For the previous question.
   d. To suspend the rules of order.
   e. To submit an overture.

   All other motions require a simple majority.
12. A member of the court may speak only once on the following:
   a. A question of order.
   b. Postponement for the present.
   c. Commitment.

On all other questions a member may speak not more than twice except by permission of the court. He may speak only on the privilege. Each speech shall be no longer than ten minutes, except by permission of the court.

13. During debate the following motions only may be entertained with precedence in the order named:
    a. To fix the time to which to adjourn. This may be amended as to time.
    b. To adjourn. This is always in order, except when a vote is being taken or when a member is speaking.
    c. To lay on the table or to postpone.
    d. To postpone to a certain time. This may be amended as to time.
    e. For the previous question.
    f. To commit. This may be amended as to the committee and the accompanying instructions.
    g. To substitute.
    h. To amend.
14. A member who desires to speak must rise and address the moderator, and may not proceed until the moderator announces his name. The moderator shall give the floor to the one who first addresses him. If two or more address him at the same time, the one farthest from the chair shall be recognized.
15. Every member when speaking shall address himself first to the moderator, and then speak to the house in general, but he shall not address any member individually except through the moderator. He shall treat all members with decorum and respect and shall attend closely in his speech to the business in hand under consideration. Members of the Court shall attend closely to the business in hand and shall not engage in private conversation or in anything that may cause confusion or disorder. If a speaker acts in a disorderly manner, indulges in personal reflection, uses improper language, or deviates from the subject in hand, it is the privilege of any member and the duty of the moderator to call him to order. No speaker shall be interrupted unless out of order, or that mistakes may be corrected, or because the hour has arrived for the order of the day, or for recess, or adjournment. If interrupted for the latter reason he shall be entitled to continue when consideration of the subject is resumed.
16. Before putting any debatable question to vote, the moderator shall give opportunity for debate. The moderator shall require all speakers to limit their remarks strictly to matters germane to the motion before the house at the time. Synod may set a time limit on all speakers and speeches during the debate of a specific item of business. When opinion is sharply divided, the moderator shall see that time is shared as equitably as possible between representatives of both sides of the question. When the moderator has begun taking the vote, no further debate or remarks shall be admitted, unless evidently there has

17. The moderator shall not engage in the discussions of the court. If he desires to exercise his rights as a member temporarily, he may ask the clerk to preside. If he leaves the chair, he shall call upon a former moderator to preside until he returns.
18. The moderator shall decide all points of order. Any member may appeal from a decision and state his reasons. The moderator may reply without leaving the chair. There shall be no further debate, and without a motion a vote shall be taken on sustaining the decision.
19. In placing a motion before the court for a vote, the moderator shall repeat the motion or have it repeated. Following the vote, the moderator shall announce whether the motion carried or not. Special provisions are as follows:
    a. Division. If the moderator is unable to decide which way the vote went, or if any member of the court calls for a division, the vote shall be taken by a standing vote. The clerks shall count the votes, and the moderator shall announce the decision.
    b. Roll Call or Ballot Vote. One-fourth of the members present may request a recording of the yea's and nay's or may request a vote by ballot on any question. By common consent this record may be omitted from the published minutes.
    c. Vote of the Moderator. When the vote is by roll call or by ballot, the moderator shall vote with the other members. In no other cases shall he vote unless the court be equally divided. If he declines to vote, the motion is lost.
20. Members ought always to vote except for valid reasons. Unless excused by the court, non-voters must be considered as acquiescing with the majority. A member has no vote in the trial of a case in which he is involved.
21. The sessions of Synod shall ordinarily be open to the public, but the court may sit with closed doors on matters which, in its judgment, should not become common knowledge. It may be expedient to refer judicial cases to commissions, which shall try them according to the procedure laid down for Synod. To gain greater freedom of debate, Synod may resolve itself into a committee of the whole. When the committee rises, its chairman shall report its conclusion to Synod, but any action of the committee to be of force must be passed by Synod.

The glory of God, the welfare of the church, and the best interests of all its members shall be the ruling motives in all the actions of the courts of the church.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE TESTIMONY
(Principal items in the current *Book of Church Government*)

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CHAPTER 25; OF THE CHURCH (Larger Catechism: 60-65)	
1. The catholic or universal Church which is invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body the fulness of Him that filleth all in all. Eph. 1:10, 22-23; Eph. 5:23, 27, 32; Col. 1:18	The church is the body of Christ which He has redeemed with his own blood, to be a chosen people unto Himself. It is the mission of the church to preserve, maintain and proclaim to the whole world the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the whole counsel of God; to gather into her fellowship those of every race and people who accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and promise obedience to Him; to build them up in their most holy faith, and train them to be faithful witnesses for Christ in all His offices; to maintain the ordinances of divine worship in their purity; witness against all evil; and in every way to seek the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth.
3. Unto this catholic visible Church Christ hath given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God for the gathering and perfecting of the saints, in this life, to the end of the world; and doth by His own presence and Spirit, according to His promise, make them effectual thereto. I Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11-13; Matt. 28:20; Isa. 59:21.	The Lord Jesus Christ has clothed His church with power and authority. This authority is vested in the whole membership of the Church, which has the right to choose its officers from among those of its own members who possess the Scriptural qualifications. Christ has appointed in His Word a particular form of government for the visible church. It is government by elders (Greek: presbyters) and is therefore called presbyterian. Each congregation should be ruled by a session of ordained elders, elected by the membership of the congregation. Acts 15:22; 14:23; 13:1-4; Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18; II Cor. 8:29; I Tim. 3:1-7 (See Testimony, Chapter 31, Section 3.) The permanent officers to be set apart by ordination are elders and deacons. Women as well as men may hold the office of deacon. Ordination

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is a solemn setting apart to a specific office by the laying on of the hands of a court of the church and is not to be repeated. Installation is the official constitution of the relationship between one who is ordained and the congregation.

The responsibility of the elders is in teaching and ruling. Although all elders are to be able to teach, the Scripture recognizes a distinction in these functions. All elders are equal in the government of the church. This office is referred to in Scripture by two terms used synonymously; elder and bishop or overseer.

The elders are organized in courts (the session, the presbytery and the Synod) to which is committed the power of governing the church and of ordaining officers. This power is moral and spiritual and subject to the law of God. Eph. 4:11, 12; I Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:9; I Tim. 5:17; Acts 20:28; Rom. 12:6-8; I Cor. 12:28; Titus 1:7.

The diaconate is a spiritual office subordinate to the session and is not a teaching or ruling office. The deacons have responsibility for the ministry of mercy, the finances and property of the congregation, and such other tasks as are assigned to them by the session. Other officers mentioned in the New Testament were commissioned uniquely during the apostolic age for the establishment of the church. Acts 6:1-7; 1 Tim. 3:8-13.

While the New Testament does not state plainly the authority or qualifications for a countinuing office of Evangelist, it does clearly set forth the ministry of evangelism in calling all men everywhere to repent and believe the Gospel. Persons displaying the gift of evangelism should minister under the oversight of the church in given situations.

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CHAPTER 26; OF THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS (Larger Catechism: 135-136, 141-142; Shorter Catechism: 68-69, 74-81)	
1. All saints that are united to Jesus Christ their head by His Spirit and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each others gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man. I John 1:3; Eph. 3:16-19; John 1:16; Eph. 2:5-6; Phil. 3:10; Rom. 6:5-6; II Tim. 2:12; Eph. 4:15-16; I Cor. 12:7; I Cor. 3:21-23; Col. 2:19; I Thess. 5:11, 14; Rom. 1:11-12, 14; I John 3:16-18; Gal. 6:10.	Concern for fellow believers should be a restraint to evil, especially to unkind speech and action against one another. I Cor. 13; Eph. 4:31-32; Rom. 14:19; James 3:16-18; Gal. 5:15; I Cor. 12. The congregation is the primary organic unit in the presbyterian system of church government. It is commonly composed of Christians residing in the same community who meet together for the worship of God.
CHAPTER 28; OF BAPTISM (Larger Catechism: 161-177; Shorter Catechism: 92-95)	
1. Baptism is a sacrament of the new Testament, ordained by Jesus Christ, not only for the solemn admission of the party baptised into the visible Church; but also, to be unto him a sign and seal of the covenant of grace, of his ingrafting in Christ, or regeneration, or remission of sins, and of his giving up unto God through Jesus Christ, to walk in newness of life. Which sacrament is, by Christ's own appointment, to be continued until the end of the world. Matt. 28:19; I Cor. 12:13; Rom. 4:11 with Col. 2:11-12; Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:5; Titus 3:5; Mark 1:4; Rom 6:3-4; Matt. 28:19-20.	All those who have received baptism are to be considered part of the covenant people of God. Gen. 17:12-14; Col. 2:11-12; Acts 16:31-34. The Church accepts as valid the baptism which has been administered in any true branch of the visible church.
4. Not only those that do actually profess faith in and obedience unto Christ, but also the infants of one or both believing parents, are to be baptized. Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:37-38; Gen. 12:7, 9-10 with Gal. 3:9, 14; and Col. 2:11-12 and Acts 2:38-39 and Rom. 4:11-12; I Cor. 7:14; Matt. 28:19; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15	The children of believing parents are to receive baptism because of their covenantal relationship. Acts 2:38-39; Gen. 17:7; Acts 16:31; Col. 2:11-12. In administering baptism to her children the church recognizes their rightful place within the covenant, her obligation to give them pastoral care

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	and oversight, and to assist the parents in carrying out their covenanted responsibilities. In presenting them for baptism, parents not only claim for their children the nurture and benefits of the church, but also acknowledge their covenantal responsibilities to love their children and train them for God to the end that they will know Jesus Christ and serve Him as their Savior and Lord. The baptism of infants sets before parents the obligation to do all in their power to lead their children to a personal faith in Jesus Christ. Gen. 18:19; Matt. 28:19-20; Prov. 22:6

Donald McBurney presented the final report of the Nominating Committee. It was adopted and is as follows:

THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

I. The following committees were appointed:

1. Committee on Paper 86-1 (Concerning the use of the Names of Christ in the Psalms) was referred to the Psalm Translation Committee.
2. Committee on Paper 86-6 (Concerning child custory matter): David Carson, Chairman; William Edgar, Richard Ganz, Raymond McCracken, Dennis Olson.
3. Committee on Psalter Revision: Robert McCracken, Chairman; Wanda Haney, Jocelle McDonald, Donald H. McBurney, Timothy Russell, John Schaefer.
4. Committee on Psalm Translation: Roy Blackwood, Chairman, Clark Copeland, Jonathan Leach, Duncan Lowe, Dale Russell
   4-a. Subcommittee under the Committee on Psalm Translation: Robert Copeland, Robert Joyner, Charles McBurney, Boni Piper, Michael Tabon.
5. Time and Place for the 1988 Meeting of Synod: Bruce Hemphill, Chairman; Thomas Reid.
6. Long-Range Planning Committee (denomination headquarters): Stewart Lee, Chairman; Donald Birdsall, John Mitchell, Wendell McBurney, Willard McMillan.

II. The following were elected:
Boards and Standing Committees:

1. Committee on Travel Funds and Absences: Harry Metzger
2. Temperance Committee: Paul Finley

3. Committee on Finance: Steven McMahan, Dennis Wing class of 1989; Donald Lamont class of 1987.
4. Trustees of Synod: John Mitchell, Jerry O'Neill, Edward Robson
5. Board of Education and Publication: Philip Beard, Richard Johnston, Robert Willson
6. Pension Trustees of Synod: Thomas Forest, Ed Schisler
7. Board of Foreign Missions: E. Raymond Hemphill, J. Paul McCracken, Mrs. John McMillan, class of 1989; Daniel Copeland, class of 1987
8. Geneva College Board of Corporators: Paul Patterson
9. Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary: Donald Piper, John H. White
10. Board of Home Missions: Robert McFarland; Keith Magill, Ohio-Illinois; Dean Smith, Presbytery of the Alleghenies
11. Interchurch Committee: Thomas Reid, John H. White

III. Letters of Remembrance

To:	From:
Charles Leach	Phil Pockras
William Sterrett	Dean Smith
Toshio Masunaga	J. Paul McCracken
Shigeru Takiura	James Pennington
Donald Weilersbacher	Robert McFarland
G. M. Robb	R. Paul Wright
Paul D. McCracken	Donald Piper
John O. Edgar	Robert Schmidtberger
Carter Rowe	Timothy Russell
Kermit Edgar	David Carson
Nobuo Miwa	Samuel Boyle
Randy Van Osdol	Paul McElhinney
S. Bruce Willson	Bruce Stewart
Daniel Kepple	Kenneth Smith
Melville Martin	D. Howard Elliott
Alvin Smith	Samuel Sterrett
Charles Sterrett	Robert Henning
John White	Jerry Milroy
Bruce Backensto	Jerry O'Neill
Mark Charlton	David Long
William Pihl	Paul Finley
Paul Faris	John McMillan
Stanley Copeland	Joseph Paul
Philip Coon	John Tweed
Donald Felker	Robert Hemphill
Norman Carson	Roy Blackwood
Gene Spear	Robert McCracken
Paul Wilson	Wayne Spear
David Armstrong	James Wright

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Russell, Chairman

Paul Mathews presented the Report of the Committee on Resolution of Thanks. The Report was adopted. In thanksgiving to God the Court sang Psalm 106-A and was led in prayer by Ronald Good. The Report is as follows:

Resolution Of Thanks

Surrounded by God's abundant care and mercy, we give him thanks for: (1.) safety in travel to Synod; (2.) being spared from serious illness; (3.) the spiritual challenges of Synod's devotional messages; (4.) the rich fellowship among the brethren; and (5.) the singing of appropriate Psalms during the sessions of Synod.

We also give thanks to those who have served us and cared for us: (1.) for the diligent work of the officers of this Court; (2.) for the faithful work of Synod's boards and committees; (3.) for all the efforts of the Committee on Arrangements; (4.) for Miss Judy Linhart's untiring work for this Synod; (5.) for the Kansas University staff who cared for our needs; (6.) for the Lord's Day Hospitality of the area congregations; (7.) for the gracious hospitality of the Lawrence Fellowship on Monday evening and for the opportunity for fellowship which that time offered; (8.) for those at home who have been praying for us: our families, our congregations and the R.P. Home family; and (9.) for the faithful stewardship of many which help maintain and enlarge the Church's ministry.

In praise and thanks to our Sovereign God for these and other blessings, we call upon the Synod to rise in prayer following the singing of Psalm 106-A.

Respectfully submitted,
David Carson
Paul Mathews

Robert McFarland announced that the date of Carleton is set for either August 3-10 or 4-10, 1988.

Paul Finley presented the Report of the Committee on Vow #8. He presented for the Committee an amended item 3. Item 3a was taken up and adopted by a two-thirds majority vote. Item 3b was taken up.

The Court took a break.

The Court continued the debate of item 3b. This item was lost. The loss of this item effected the loss of item 3a as it was dependent on item 3b. After extended debate the original item 3 was adopted by more than a two-thirds vote and order sent down in overture. Item 4 was adopted.

Glenn McFarland, Lauren Wolcott and Paul McElhinney registered their dissent against the action on item 3 of the Report of the Committee on Vow #8.

The Court took recess in prayer by Edward Forest.

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1986; 1:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by James Bishop.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The Roll was noted.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees: Committee on Forms: Robert Catloth, Sidney Van Camp, Robert Henning; Committee on Ministerial Credentials: Jerry O'Neill, Chairman; Wayne Duffield, William Roberts, Roy McDonald.

The Report of the Committee on vow #8 was taken up. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW VOW #8

The Synod of 1983 assigned this Committee "to review vow #8 in light of the paper adopted by the 1981 Synod on Ordination Vows Binding the Conscience and the [new] *Testimony.*" Since that Synod, we have held two meetings and have engaged in considerable study and correspondence. We also gratefully acknowledge the materials and counsel extended to us by concerned parties. Our report contains separate considerations of each of the two standards prescribed in our assignment, followed by general conclusions and recommendations.

I. The (New) *Testimony*

The point most directly touching our assignment is the meaning of our new *Testimony*'s statement that total abstinence from alcohol is "altogether wise and proper." (Chap.26) What change, if any, was intended from the former *Testimony*'s position that "the followers of Christ should totally abstain from the manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicants as a beverage. . ." and its rejection of the error that "the occasional or habitual use of intoxicants as a beverage is consistent with Christian duty and fellowship"? (Chap. 22) On this point, we have found it difficult to render a decision because of differing understandings within the denomination regarding the sense of the new *Testimony*'s statement.

We have considered comments from some who supported the new *Testimony*'s statement because they understood that no change was intended from the church's position that total abstinence be required for membership. Some of these men were present at the 1979 Synod when Chapter 26 of the *Testimony* revision was approved and they have stated that they would have voted against the chapter if they had understood that a change in the church's position was intended. Therefore, if total

abstinence from alcohol remains a requirement for membership, it is obviously still a requirement for licensure or ordination and no objection can be made against the abstinence portion of ordination/licensure Query #8 on the ground that the new *Testimony* has altered the church's position. (Hereafter cited as Query #8. Throughout the Report, unless otherwise qualified, "abstinence" is to be understood as total abstinence from alcoholic beverages.)

However, without implying approval or disapproval, we observe that the prevailing understanding of the new *Testimony*'s statement is that total abstinence from alcohol is strongly commended but not required for membership. The appointment of this Committee and of the earlier Committee assigned to evaluate Gregory Moberg's paper (Paper 81-5) is evidence of the Synod's understanding that at least some change was involved in the church's position when the new *Testimony* was adopted. We also observe that the Synods of 1979 and 1980 assigned a special judicial committee to review an alleged violation of the law and order of the church in a resolution adopted by the New York Presbytery concerning the use of alcoholic beverages. Implicit in the allegation and the committee assignment was Synod's concern that the Presbytery's action was premature, that is, that its resolution would have been lawful under the new *Testimony* but was not lawful at the time of its adoption under the old *Testimony* (*1980 Minutes*, p.93; 1981 *Minutes*, p.48). The Committee to Re-write the Form of Church Government has also reflected this understanding of the *Testimony*'s position, as it has not included in its preliminary draft of the chapter on church membership any mention of an abstinence requirement, such as the one included in the present standard (Chapter 2, par. 3). If the new *Testimony* actually has involved a change in the church's position, then a rescinding of the present Church Government's abstinence requirement might be required as implicit, but the lack of any specific ruling from the Synod has left the church in some degree of uncertainty. A final resolution of the question concerning the status of the abstinence promise in Query #8 is impossible as long as that uncertainty persists. We are nevertheless proceeding in this Report with the assumption that the prevailing understanding of the church, in spite of some uncertainties, is that the new *Testimony* does not require total abstinence from alcoholic beverages for membership in the church.

If the new *Testimony* does not present abstinence as a requirement for membership, does it also imply that abstinence should not be required for licensure or ordination? That would be the case if the new *Testimony*'s position were intended to oppose total abstinence requirements as wrong or contrary to the Scriptures. That would also be the case if the church held that no requirements would be made of licentiates or ordained officers beyond those requirements made of all members. We do not think that either of these is the case. Candidates for licensure and ordination are required to make a direct subscription to the constitutional standards of the church, and they are asked to make other explicit commitments

not required of members in general. Also, while some in the church regard total abstinence requirements as being contrary to the Scriptures, the new *Testimony* comes short of stating that position. It appears to commend, rather than require, total abstinence because of a difference in understanding concerning how the church's temperance testimony is best implemented and applied. The new *Testimony* strongly commends the practice of total abstinence and cites the same considerations contained in substance in the former *Testimony*; it presents abstinence as a practice to be encouraged among church members as a matter for growth and greater consistency in Christian witness and discipleship. It is not unreasonable that the church might *require* of its licentiates and officers an exemplary practice of what it so strongly *commends* to its members. On the other hand, the church may choose to make abstinence a strong recommendation (but not a requirement) for its officers and licentiates. However, we conclude that the position of the new *Testimony* does not *require* that Query #8 be altered. The query remains compatible with the *Testimony* of the church.

II. The 1981 Report of the Committee on the Nature of the Ordination Vow (hereafter referred to as the "Vow Committee").

We find in this report three principles bearing particular relevance to our assignment. They are summarized in Part I, Section B, of the body of the Report and in the following items from the first recommendation of the Report:

4) In general, ordination vows should not focus upon particular doctrines or practices, but should indicate a hearty acceptance of the church's confession as a whole.

5) Ordination vows should contain only those things which the church has officially declared in the *Confession* and *Testimony* to be clearly taught in the Word of God.

8) The ordination vows should be so stated that the church need not, and should not, allow exceptions to, or qualification of them (*1981 Minutes*, pp. 128-129).

A. Item #8 and the Problem of Exceptions and Qualifications

We observe that several of our presbyteries have noted situations where candidates for licensure or ordination have taken exception to the abstinence promise in Query #8, sometimes declining to assent to that part of the query or assenting to it with stated reservations or exceptions. When objections are repeatedly raised to a particular vow or query, the church must ascertain whether the objections involve a lack of knowledge or commitment on the part of the candidate, a change in the church's position, or a defect in the query itself. We find that objections to Query #8 are concerned largely with the authority of the church to require a commitment to total abstinence. This concern will be discussed in the next section of our Report.

Another issue, however, is raised by Item #8 in the recommendations of the Vow Committee Report. The concern of this item is that vows be so *worded* that exceptions need not be allowed. We find it conceivable that some might object to the abstinence promise in Query #8 out of concern over the proper range and limits of the commitment. Does the candidate solemnly bind himself to an absolute abstinence under every conceivable circumstance, including life-threatening and critical situations? The candidate should not seek the plain and ordinary sense of the commitment apart from the church's understanding of its meaning and intention. For instance, the use of alcohol (or narcotics) for genuine medicinal purposes is not within the range of the abstinence requirement. Likewise, it is reasonable to assume that the commitment does not bind a person under certain exceptionally dangerous or critical circumstances or emergencies (such as disasters, shipwrecks, famines, plagues, invasions, torture, etc.) where the consumption of an alcoholic beverage might become necessary. The sense of the abstinence commitment should be understood to concern what the church last century termed "luxurious use," or the consumption of intoxicating drinks as beverages. If the Synod preceives a significant amount of misunderstanding over the proper sense and limits of the abstinence commitment in Query #8, it may wish to issue a statement declaring the sense in which the commitment is to be understood. An amplification of the query itself would be cumbersome. While vows should be worded as plainly as possible, they cannot be expected to bear the precision of a legal document. Their full meaning must be derived from the context of the church's doctrine and confession.

We conclude that the principle stated in Item #8 of the Vow Committee Report does not directly require a change or deletion of the abstinence promise in Query #8. The possibility of mistaking the sense of a vow could be reduced by a verbal revision of the vow or by an explanatory statement from the Synod, but we find nothing in the *wording* of the abstinence commitment in Query #8 to require such steps.

B. Item #5 and the Consideration of Scriptural Warrant

The principle stated in this item has been central to the discussion and controversy concerning the total abstinence requirement. The principles further defined and qualified by statements within the body of the Vow Committee Report, especially in Part I, Section B, Par. 5, and by statements in Part II concerning the conditions under which a church might be charged with violating liberty of conscience. Is a requirement of total abstinence from alcohol consistent with the Scriptural system of doctrine and conduct presented in our confessional standards? Have our confessional standards declared such a position "to be clearly taught in the Word of God"? If not, then, at the very least, such a requirement should not be included in an ordination/licensure vow. Further, the church would be in danger of having improperly bound the consciences of those whom it required to make such a commitment, if that commitment is

only a matter of "submission to a command simply because the church requires it, without giving any Scriptural reasons for it." (*1981 Minutes*, p. 127.)

The Scriptural basis for a total abstinence requirement has been discussed extensively over the last generation, and numerous papers and reports presented to the Synod have concerned different aspects of that basis. The 1975 Synod adopted the body of a report from the Committee on Ordination Vows Binding the Conscience (hereafter referred to as the Conscience Committee. *1975 Minutes*, p. 109.) The Committee stated, "In none of these [Scripture] quotations or their contexts is there any indication that all use of alcohol is sinful in and of itself, or that such a consideration is the basis for the call to abstinence." (*1975 Minutes*, p. 109) The Committee added, however, that the Scriptures do warn against the use of alcohol (or any other substance) when such use would cause another to stumble. Under those circumstances, the use of alcoholic beverages *becomes* sinful and the church is acting within its proper authority to forbid and warn against such offenses.

The proper extent and implementation of the church's authority concerning such offenses became a point of disagreement between the Conscience Committee and a majority of the 1975 Synod. The Committee recommended that total abstinence requirements be removed from Query #8 and from Chapter 22 of the (old) *Testimony*. A majority of the Synod favored a broader construction of the church's authority regarding the prevention of offenses and did not adopt the recommendations of the Conscience Committee concerning the deletion of abstinence requirements. On this matter, the demonstration of a Scriptural basis for total abstinence would rest upon whether the confessional standards of the church favor a broad constructionist view of the church's authority to prevent offenses arising from the use of alcohol. Such a view appears to have been the position of the former *Testimony* (Chapter 22) but is not so easily demonstrable from the corresponding chapter of our present *Testimony* (Chapter 26).

The differences of conviction on this matter are part of a broader difference within the Reformed tradition concerning the relative powers of Synods and presbyteries, the nature of membership in a confessional church, and numerous more specific matters. The significance of the decisions of the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:22-29) has often been considered and debated by the proponents of the different views in the matter. A final resolution of such an involved and long-standing question is beyond the bounds of the assignment of this Committee. We do observe, however, that the Synod of 1975 acted upon the conviction that the Scriptures and the church's confessional standards favored a view of the authority of the church wherein total abstinence could lawfully be required in order to prevent offenses and to promote mutual edification.

In further assessing the significance of the Conscience Committee Report and the actions of the 1975 Synod concerning it, we observe that the church has not altogether disqualified all adduced Scriptural support for a total abstinence requirement. The Conscience Committee Report stated that no direct textual basis could be demonstrated as teaching that the consumption of alcoholic beverages is sinful in and off itself. However, on this point, the Report confined itself to a particular set of approaches which have had varying amounts of influence on the church's defense of its temperance position. A leading approach made use of historical and philological studies to assert that the wines commended in the Scriptures were exclusively nonalcoholic and that the Scriptures consistently condemn any use of alcoholic drinks. William Patton's book *Bible Wines* had great influence upon the church beginning in the last third of the nineteenth century. Other approaches often concerned the use of Biblical analogies and examples to establish an implicit Scriptural requirement that followers of Jesus Christ should totally abstain from alcoholic beverages. Among these analogies and examples were the requirement of total abstinence for priests and Levites discharging their official ministries, the analogy between leavening and fermentation and its implications for Passover and for the Christian life (I Cor. 5:7-8), and the example of the Recabites. (The *1971 Minutes*, pp. 139-155, review these approaches in detail.) These approaches were not taken by the church in the earliest years of its abstinence testimony and were even opposed afterward by some who favored the church's original approach. (For instance: R. Hutcheson, "Sacramental Wine," *R. P. & C.*, 1875, pp. 37ff; N.R. Johnston, "Does the Bible Enjoin Total Abstinence?", 1886, pp. 103-109.)

Both our former and present Testimonies cite abuses arising from the present traffic in intoxicants as reasons for total abstinence. Although this approach has receded into the background of some recent discussions, it arises from the original approach taken by the church in defending and explaining its position. During the first decades of the nineteenth century, a number of denominations, including ours, exhibited a growing concern over abuses and problems arising from intemperence and drunkenness. This concern was not merely over the perceived increase of drunkenness, which was by no means a new development, but over the compounding and aggravating effects of industrialization and centralization upon that problem. Concern was voiced over the increasing power and expanding influence of distilleries and liquor distributors, their promotion of drunkenness as a means of exploitation and control in mining and industrial communities, and the sharp increase in the number of saloons and in the use of distilled liquor, all of which conditions were unknown in ancient times. Our church perceived the situation to require specific corporate testimony. The Synod of 1841 passed a resolution prohibiting members of the church from any involvement in the trafficking of intoxicating beverages. The specific application of

that resolution was clarified and re-affirmed in several later pronouncements and was explicitly declared to include the *use* of alcoholic beverages (for "luxurious" purposes) in 1857. The Synod also went on record in favor of Prohibition legislation as early as 1853. (Some later Synods, particularly the 1866 Synod, stated that a prohibition of *use* was always intended in the 1841 statement. However, others proposed making total abstinence an explicit term of communion because of concerns that Synod's pronouncements were not explicit enough for membership requirements.)

The church's temperance postion and efforts, along with other specific testimonies on moral and social problems, were spurred by its convictions regarding the kingship of Christ, the responsibility of civil society to acknowledge His authority, and the obligation of the church to bear such specific corporate testimony (an implication of the obligation of public covenanting). These convictions were clearly stated in the church's confessional standards as the teaching of the Scriptures, and that Scriptural basis for such convictions was set forth in numerous publications of the church. The church's temperance position was at least in part an application of those convictions concerning the church's obligation in regard to the kingship of Christ. We are faced with the question of the relevance of such a basis for an abstinence position now, as the church has altered its understanding of covenanting and testimony bearing and of the implications of the doctrine of the kingship of Christ. The church must decide whether its alterations have amounted to such a complete change from its earlier convictions that they no longer support its position on total abstinence. Our Committee is in no position to decide the question, but we do observe that the church originally adopted its position at least in part because of convictions its *Confession* and *Testimony* clearly presented as Scriptural.

The church at that time also showed a concern to present a more direct Scriptural basis for its specific position against liquor trafficking (and by implication, the use of intoxicating beverages). The 1841 Synod passed a resolution re-affirming its solemn commitment to the Scriptures as "the only rule for faith and life" and directed that such a statement appear with the printed editions of the Terms of Communion. That Synod, as well as the 1857 Synod, also cited the Larger Catechism's teaching on the Sixth Commandment and the principles of interpreting the commandments contained in L.C. Question #99 as a basis for pronouncements against trafficking in intoxicants. The church did not claim legislative or imperial authority to impose its own teachings and commandments in addition to the commandments of God. It understood itself to be acting as a court, with declarative authority only, in interpreting and applying the commandments of God. Its position on liquor trafficking and abstinence was issued in a manner consistent with the church's confessional teaching on the Law of God and the authority of the Scriptures.

One might challenge a specific position or pronouncement of the church

as an ill-conceived or inappropriate application of the Scriptures. Church courts can and do err. A truly reformed church must be willing to reconsider its specific applications and positions if it receives more understanding on the particular matter or if it receives a clearer understanding on the particular matter or if it receives a clearer understanding of the teaching of the Scriptures to be applied to that matter. On the particular question of abstinence, one might object to the relevancy or propriety of the position itself as an application of the teaching of the Scriptures, but the making of a general charge that the church, by requiring total abstinence, violates liberty of conscience and imposes human commandments by its own authority is not appropriate. To deny that the church may require assent to or compliance with specific doctrines or positions (which are issued with a sincere intention to apply the teaching of the Scriptures) is a position ultimately hostile to the very concept of a confessional church. The difficulties and tensions our church has experienced on these matters may more often be attributed to the problem of private judgment verses corporate judgment, as the Vow Committee Report has stated. (*1981 Minutes*, p. 127-128)

We therefore conclude that the church's position on abstinence has been maintained through various Scriptural approaches. Some of these approaches have been ruled invalid; others have received challenges and are still under consideration. We nevertheless observe that the church's position has historically been declared in its *Confession* and *Testimony* to be based upon clear Scriptural teaching and principles. On this consideration, the abstinence promise in Query #8 is consistent with the principle expressed in Item #5 of the first recommendation of the Vow Committee Report.

C. Item #4 and the Matter of Specific Practices

There can be little doubt that abstinence from alcoholic beverages is a ''particular practice'' under the consideration of this item. However, that portion of Query #8 should not automatically be ruled inconsistent with the principle stated in the item. The application of this item is qualified by the words ''in general'' and ''focus.'' The church may conclude that such an explicit and public commitment to the practice of abstinence is appropriate or necessary and that Query #8 is to be allowed as an exception to the general principle stated in this item. Our Committee is not in a position to decide that, but we do observe that the abstinence commitment is obviously a ''particular practice.'' We also observe that any revision of the queries according to this principle would involve a consideration of other ''particular doctrines and practices'' as well. Further, the deletion of the abstinence vow from Query #8 would not automatically remove the *requirement* of total abstinence for licentiates and officers. The requirement itself appears in our constitutional standard for church government, chapter V:7, 15 and chapter VI:7. The requirement that licentiates and ordained officers abstain from tobacco exists without an accompanying vow.

III. General conclusions

In presenting this review, we are not indifferent to the desires and concerns of those who strongly wish the abstinence promise to be removed from Query #8 or of those who strongly wish it to be retained and more consistently upheld. The Synod is in a position to revise the query and even the abstinence requirement itself if it concludes that such revision is appropriate or warranted by other changes in the church's teaching. However, from the standpoint of our assignment, we conclude that the new *Testimony* and the 1981 Vow Committee Report *require* no change in Query #8, unless the Synod judges that the query's inclusion of a particular practice is not allowable.

Recommendations:

1. That the Synod re-affirm its commitment to the first query of the Covenant of Church Membership and to the principles of interpreting and applying the commandments of God as set forth in the Larger Catechism Q. 99.
2. That the Synod declare that the proper intent of the abstinence requirement in Query #8 involves no violation of the principles affirmed in Recommendation 1.

   Reference to total abstinece in Query #8 is introduced by the expression, "That you may perform faithfully all the duties of the office," and is immediately preceded by, "Do you promise...to live a holy and exemplary life.?" It would seem that living a holy and exemplary life is no more specifically related to performance of official duties than are commitment to Scripture, faith in Christ, public confession, doctrinal purity, church government, Christian citizenship, and godly motivation, each of which is the subject of a preceding query. Commitment to a holy and exemplary life seems to us to merit the similar distinction of a separate query.

   The expression "alcoholic beverages and habit-forming narcotics" in Query #8 fails to recognize that alcoholic beverages are habit-forming and that narcotics are not the only objectional drugs. A more inclusive expression would seem preferable.

   The placement of the words "to abstain from alcoholic beverages and habit-forming narcotics" between "to live a holy and exemplary life" and "to study and promote the purity, peace, unity and progress of the church" correlates the commitment to total abstinence with two comprehensive ones and so implies that this commitment, too, comprehends the whole category of appropriate behavior. Actually, of course, it is only one small sample of behavior in healthful, responsible living habits too numerous to list in the Queries.

   To help overcome some of the difficulties we noted, we propose the following:

3a. That Query #8 be revised as follows: "As one expression of your commitment to live a holy and exemplary life, do you promise to apply Scriptural principles of temperance and godliness in opposition to worldly and debilitating indulgence in alcohol, tobacco, and other addictive and mind-altering drugs, and so in the power of the Holy Spirit to show yourself a model of sobriety, restraint, and sound judgment?"

3b. That Query 9 read as follows: "That you may faithfully perform all the duties of the office to which you have been called, do you promise to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and in his strength to study and promote the purity, peace, unity, and progress of the church - continuing with the remainder of present Query #8 applying to the different offices?"

3c. That present Query #9 become Query #10.

4. That a minority report be presented to the Synod before final action is taken on this Report.

5. That this Committee be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul W. Finley, Chairman
Phillip Shafer
Charles W. McBurney

The following motion was adopted: That the 1986 Synod declare that the revised vow being sent down in overture strongly recommends but does not require ordained officers to totally abstain from alcohol, tobacco and mind-altering drugs.

Jerry Milroy presented the Report of the Interchurch Committee. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 2-3 were adopted. Item 4 was referred back to the Committee. Item 5 was adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE INTERCHURCH COMMITTEE

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

Your Committee met once on November 19, 1985 in conjunction with the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) meeting in Atlanta, Georgia and again, on three occassions at this meeting of Synod.

Some of the actions of the NAPARC which will be of interest to Synod are: (1) The council discussed the concerns which we and other churches had regarding the amending of the "Golden Rule" Comity Agreement by the PCA. It was agreed to send to the churches a slightly amended agreement and to encourage all member churhes to adopt uniform wording of the "Golden Rule" Comity Agreement (see our recommenda-

tion #4); (2) The Council adopted a report to be sent to member churches for their consideration regarding fugitives from the discipline of other NAPARC churches. The request is that this report be adopted without change (see recommendation #5); (3) NAPARC maintains an index of study reports which have been conducted by the various member churches. If there is a subject which you are studying, there may be a report that another NAPARC church has already done on the same subject. A request to their clerk would probably get you a copy; (4) The concurrent meeting of the NAPARC Assemblies/Synods will be held at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 8-20, 1987. Our Synod should plan to meet on June 13-19, 1987.

Fraternal Delegates have been appointed to those Assemblies/Synods with whom we have fraternal relations. Delegates were also appointed to participate and/or observe other conventions such as NAE and the National Coalition on Pornography which we authorized last year.

We have referred to the E & P Board a suggestion concerning the publishing of a booklet addressing some common misunderstandings of Calvinism and the Reformed Faith. We continue to wrestle with the implications of Church unity, particularly as it relates to our fellowship with other denominations in the Reformed Faith and other believers on a personal level. We refer you to the last paragraphs of our 1985 report for our current thinking on these matters.

In response to a letter from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Uganda of the Presbyterian Church in Uganda asking to establish fraternal relations with the RPCNA, our Committee will be seeking more information from this body. It is our hope that we will be taking action on their request once the data has been received. It should be noted that the Stated Clerk of this body is F. Kefa Sempangi, known to some members of our denomination and an aquaintance of one of our Committee members, Tom Reid.

Our Committee maintains contact with three Reformed bodies in Canada: The Free Church of Scotland in Canada, the Free Presbyterian Church and the Canadian Reformed Churches. We invited observers from each of these denominations to this meeting of Synod; however none were able to attend.

This Committee met with Dr. Paul Kooistra, fraternal delegate from the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), who informed the Committee of a recommendation adopted by the 1986 General Assembly of the PCA. The recommendation reads, "That your committee be given permission to seek a joint meeting with the Interchurch Relations Committee of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America to discuss mutual relations and area of cooperation, with the possibility of proposing next year a plan for joining and receiving for consideration by the 1987 General Assembly."

The Interchurch Committee agreed to report this action by the PCA General Assembly to our Synod. Your Committee looks upon the general

intent of the proposal with favor, but we are not ready to do more than to discuss mutual relations and areas of cooperation.

Revs. Edwin P. Elliott, Sr., and Edwin P. Elliott, Jr., representatives of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States, met with the Committee to discuss initiating fraternal relations with the RPCNA.

The following is a summary of the Delegate expenses for the calender year 1985:

NAE	$ 719.35
Free Church of Scotland	89.30
CRC	186.00
ARP	515.82
PCA	109.60
Other Committee Expenses: NAPARC, Consultation on Pornography, Committee Travel, etc.	3,813.44
Total	$ 5,433.51

Recommendations:

1. That since the terms of Thomas Reid and John H. White expire at this meeting of Synod, the Committee nominates them to suceed themselves.
2. That Synod give approval to the Interchurch Committee to meet with the Interchurch Relations Committee of the Presbyterian Church in America at the NAPARC meeting in November for the purpose of discussing mutual relations and areas of cooperation.
3. That Synod give approval to the Interchurch Committee to send an observer to the Presbytery meeting of the Reformed Church in the United States to be held August 8, 1986, in Atlanta, Georgia.
4. That Synod adopt without change the amended "Golden Rule Comity Agreement". (We adopted this in principle last year. The amended version follows. Changes are underlined.)

   "Comity has meant different things to different people. We representatives of the home mission agencies and committees or boards of our denominations resist territorial statements on comity in light of the social and cultural complexity of North American society and the great spiritual need of our many countrymen who are apart from Jesus Christ. Out of a concern to build the Church of Jesus Christ rather than our own denominations and to avoid the appearance of competition we affirm the following courteous code of behavior to guide our church planting ministries in North America:

   a. "We will be sensitive to the presence of existing churches and missions ministries of other NAPARC churches and we will refrain from enlisting and *take great care in receiving* members of existing ministries.

b. "We will communicate with the equivalent or appropriate agency (denominatioal missions committee or board, presbytery missions or church extension committee, or session) before initiating church planting activities in a *neighborhood* where NAPARC churches or missions ministries exist.

c. "We will provide information on at least an annual basis describing progress in our ministries and future plans.

d. "We will encourage our regional home missions leadership to develop good working relationships."

5. That Synod adopt without change the following report concerning the acceptance of members from NAPARC churches who are fugitives from discipline:

Our Mandate: A joint study of procedures to be followed in cases of applications for membership by persons, including ministers, who are fugitives from the discipline of other NAPARC member churches.

Scriptural Basis: "Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all in all." (Ephesians 4:3-6) "For just as we have many members in one body and all members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." (Romans 12:4,5) (Cf: John 17:21; I Corinthians 1:10-13: 12:1ff.)

Constitutional Basis: "That the adopted basis of fellowship be regarded as a warrant for the establishment of a formal relationship that enables the constituent churches to advise, counsel and cooperate in various matters with one another." (Section II, paragraph 2)

Collollary Basis: "Golden Rule" Comity Agreement (Refer to recommendation #4 above).

Principal Concerns:

1. That we promote the unity, peace and purity of the churches with whom we have ecclesiastical fellowship in NAPARC in the matter of their mutual involvement in the transfer of members.
2. That we develop greater knowledge of respect for and communication with these congregations and denominations in the area of their ecclesiastical discipline.
3. That we, while promoting goodwill between the churches, seek also to promote the growth and maturity of the persons involved through the positive application of church discipline.
4. That we indicate to disciplined members, by not ignoring another church's discipline, that we believe that the judg-

ment of a duly ordained body of elders may not be disregarded as though they were not acting for God in His church.

5. That we demonstrate to all that the church of Christ is one, and that He has one law for all its parts.

Recommendations: Recognizing that the churches of NAPARC have occasionally unintentionally received members and/or ordained officers who were under various stages of discipline in another NAPARC church, thus creating tension between the churches, and at the same time recognizing the need for mutual freedom and openness on the part of the churches, *we recommend* that each denomination respect the other's procedures of discipline and pastoral concerns as follows:

1. Regular Transfer of Membership:
   That in the regular transfer of membership between NAPARC churches the session/consistory and/or presbytery/classis not receive a member until the appropriate document of transfer is in the hands of the receiving church.
2. Transfer with Irregularities:
   a. That upon request for transfer of membership by a person under discipline, the sending session/consistory or presbytery/classis inform the receiving body of the nature and extent of the disciplinary procedure before implementing the requested transfer, thus enabling informal consultation between the pastors and/or elders of both churches.
   b. That such a person not be received officially until the judicatory of the receiving church has taken into serious account the discipline of and the information supplied by, the sending church.
   c. That such a person not be publically received until the judicatory of the receiving church is satisfied that proper restitution has been made and/or reconciliation had been seriously attempted.
   d. That a 'fugitive from discipline' who no longer is a member of a church or who is no longer on the roll of a presbytery/classis shall not be received until the former judicatory has been contacted to determine if proper restitution has been made and/or reconciliation has been attempted.
3. *Recourse and Appeal:* Where communication and/or action regarding the sending/receiving of a member or ordained officer does not satisfy either the dismissing or receiving judicatory, communication may be made to the Interchurch Relations Committees of the churches involv-

ed with a view to mediation of the problem. If this proves unsatisfactory, the session/consistory or presbytery/classis shall be granted speaking privileges to present its concerns on the floor of the judicatory of the other denomination.

Addendum: While the following matter is not included in mandate but is corollary to it, *we recommend:* That a congregation seeking to leave a NAPARC church to affiliate with another NAPARC denomination be received only after it has complied with requirements of the form of government of the church from which it is separating, and the receiving church shall be responsible to see that this is done.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerrold Milroy, Chairman

Paul McCracken presented the report for the Cross-Cultural Committee. James Carson, William Roberts, Thomas Houston and Paul Martin gave oral reports of cross-cultural ministry. The report was received.

David Carson presented the Report of the Committee on Paper 86-6. The Report as a whole was adopted. Paper 86-6 and the Report follow:

Paper 86-6

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The delegates of the Coldenham-Newburgh Congregation to the 1986 Synod respectfully call your attention to a serious infraction of "religious liberty" which has occured in our midst.

A married couple who are members in good standing of the Coldenham-Newburgh R.P. Church have a grandson who has been awarded to them in temporary custody for the State of New York. The grandson is the son of their daughter.

In the Fall of 1985 it was the practice of the couple to bring their grandson to services at the Coldenham-Newburgh Church. His mother objected to this practice. Through her initiation a New York State court ruled that the grandson may not be brought to worship services or study programs at the Coldenham-Newburgh R.P. Church. The grandparents have been taking him to the PCA Church which is in our community. They attend Coldenham-Newburgh when they are able but they do not bring their grandson. It is the desire of the couple to have the court change its ruling on this matter. The family has been reluctant to press the issue before the court for fear of losing custody of their grandson. They have recently filed for permanent custody before the same court.

The couple have felt very strongly that the court's action is in violation of their religious liberties. They wish very much to return their grandson to the church of their choice.

The purpose of this paper is to report to the courts of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America the action of the New York court and to solicit your support in having the court's ruling reversed.

We recommend that the Synod be willing to declare its support in two areas:

1. Help in supplying both attorneys and financial support, if called upon.
2. Help in supplying the necessary declarative statements for a Synodical level of our denominational position regarding "religious liberty."

Respectfully submitted,
D. Ray McCracken
Phillip Shafer

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The matter referred to in Paper 86-6 is currently under litigation at two levels, including a suit by the grandparents for the permanent custody of their grandchild.

The Committee, through Mr. Olson, has contacted the grandparents' lawyer and discussed the case with him.

The Committee expresses its grief at the situation of this child and his grandparents and shares their frustration at their inability to correct it in the short run. But in the current state of the legal case we are reluctant to make a declarative statement of the sort called for in the paper or to take other public action that might be prejudicial to the case.

Recommendations:

1. That the situation referred to in the paper be referred to the Atlantic Presbytery, with the request that they make themselves available to the Coldenham-Newburgh Session as they provide support and counsel for the grandparents.
2. That if the situation warrants it, the Presbytery or the Session be encouraged to consult the Christian Legal Society for their counsel.
3. That if the situation by the next meeting of Synod makes it appropriate that the Presbytery or the Coldenham-Newburgh Session return to Synod asking for help.

David Carson, Chairman
William J. Edgar
Dennis Olson
D. Ray McCracken

Since the minutes of the Japan Commission had not been received by the time of this meeting of Synod, they were referred to the Foreign Mission Board for review and to report to the 1987 meeting of Synod

The minutes were read and adopted.

At 2:29 p.m. the Court was adjourned in prayer by the Moderator to meet in Grand Rapids, Michigan on June 13, 1987, at 7:30 p.m.

APPENDIX

David Ray Wilcox

Dr. Wilcox was born on March 30, 1906, in Mount Carmel, Illinois. He was graduated from Geneva College in 1928 where he was President of his Senior Class and recipient of the Oratorical Prize. He graduated from the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1931 and received the Master of Arts Degree from Colorado State College in 1948.

On August 18, 1942, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Edgar and from that loving union came three sons and two daughters.

He served pastorates in Utica, Ohio, Olathe, Kansas and Oakdale, Illinois and was stated supply in Seattle, Washington, and Almonte, Onterio, Canada. For twenty-two years he taught at Geneva College in the areas of Political Science, History and Biblical Studies. He served as Dean of the College and was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree.

He was a scholar whose primary purpose in all that he did was to be true to the Scriptures and to His Lord. In 1973 he and his wife, Elizabeth, moved to Orlando, Florida, from Pennsylvania. He became an active member of the Orlando RPC and served the Lord in many capacities within this congregational context as a preacher, counselor and resident theological scholar. His quiet manner and gentle interest in people endeared him to the members and friends of the congregation alike. He was also keenly interested in evangelism and in seeing souls won and nurtured for Christ. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

To conclude this memorial to Dr. Wilcox I would like to quote from a letter written by his son, Ted, and sent to many of those who were close to him. Exerpts of this correspondence were read by Dr. Joe McFarland, President of Geneva College, at a memorial service held at the College on February 14, 1986.

"On the morning of January 12, 1986, our father and husband, D. Ray Wilcox, went home to be with the Lord. We feel God has dealt with us gently, both in the events leading up to Dad's death and in the great thoughtfulness that has been shown to us both before and after.

"In the early part of December we learned that Dad's condition had greatly worsened. He had been on kidney dialysis since April but now the treatment had caused such a severe reaction that it would have to be discontinued. On December 13, Dad was brought home from the hospital, it was thought, to be with his family when he died.

"During the following week, all five of the Wilcox children — David, Mary, Sally, John and Ted — were able to make their way to Orlando.

Dad was expected to last only a few days, but instead he steadily improved as the week progressed. By mid-week, Dad though weak, was very alert and able to converse and enjoy the company of the family. We talked, prayed, sang, laughed and wept together. We even celebrated Mary's forty-first birthday on December 16, bringing the lighted cake to Dad's bedside for the ceremony.

"During the week, Dad was able to be seated in a wheel chair in the living room for some meals and family worship together. On two occasions he chose to sing Psalm 23 and each time sang every verse. A tape was made of the children singing from the Psalms and after they left Dad listend to it often. In fact, five of the Psalms on the tape were played during the funeral service.

"Dad's final months were marked with a sincere desire for his life to be pleasing to God. This was reflected in conversations we had with Dad during that week. On one such occasion, this statement by Oswald Chambers was quoted to Dad, 'Never consider whether you are of use; ever consider that you are not your own but His.' Dad seemed visibly moved and said he had been reading something similar by Oswald Chambers shortly before going into the hospital the last time. 'I believe the Lord was preparing me for something,' he said.

"On December 18, a warm conversation took place about our hope in Christ. Dad referred to Ephesians 2 where it states we have been made to 'sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.' Also, the ending to *Pilgrim's Progress* was discussed in which Christian and Hopeful approached the river which separates them from the Celestial City. While Christian experienced fear at the point, Hopeful found consolation in looking across to the City and the King. Considering this seemed to be a great comfort to Dad.

"Dad's condition did gradually worsen again and by January 6th it was necessary to place him in a local nursing home. Mom visited Dad frequently, as did the R.P. Pastor Jim Wright, who we all have felt very much to be 'one of the family' during this time. Rev. Wright visited Dad three times the day prior to his death and on the last occasion said, 'Dr. Wilcox, I want to pray with you.' Dad opened his eyes and made acknowledgment, apparently still cognizant of what was happening. About 4:30 the following morning, on the Sabath, Dad passed into his eternal rest.

"Rev. Wright officiated at the funeral on January 15 and during his address quoted from notes Dad made in his large print New Testament during the final Bible study he was to make, in the book of Romans. Dad had underlined and commented on Paul's words at the end of chapter 7 and beginning of 8, 'Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord . . . There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.'

"During the week in December, one of his sons had prayed thanking God for the 'goodly heritage' we all have had in our earthly father. Our

appreciation only grew as we reflected over his life and listened to others tell us what Dad had meant to them.

"Over the past several weeks, we couldn't help notice that while we have known pain at Dad's passing, we have not sorrowed 'as others which have no hope.' The hope is a very real one that we will see him again . . . at the resurrection of the just."

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION

As you are aware, the National Reform Association has no direct connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Synod. Therefore, we always are appreciative when we have this opportunity to bring a report to you. For those members of Synod who are not familiar with the relationship, it needs to be pointed out that we do not receive any funds from nor do we participate in the Synod's M & M Funds. Most of our support comes from subscriptions to the *Christian Statesman*, and contributions from both congregations and individuals. Last year we received a generous contribution from the Women's Synodical, a grant from the National Temperance Society, and from the Chao Mei Foundation. We are grateful for these gifts.

We believe that a Christian statesman is one who works to bring his nation to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ and to implement His laws as the laws of cultural and national life. William Symington, in his *Messiah the Prince* wrote, "It is the duty of nations, as the subjects of Christ, to take his law as their rule . . . We contend, then, that the Bible is to be our rule, not only in matters of purely religious nature, in matters connected with conscience and the worship of God, but in matters of a civil or political nature." (Philadelphia, The Christian Statesman Pub. Co., 1884; p. 234.)

March For Life:

Believing that our Lord is anguished at the murder of unborn infants and that the laws of our nation should honor and hold sacred all life, we again participated in the January March for Life. The most exciting aspect of this year's march was the fact that we had twenty-four people who boarded a chartered bus that stopped in Ogemaw County, Michigan. A bus coming from Northwest Michigan had twenty-three people on board when it arrived to pick up the twenty-four boarding from Ogemaw and the surrounding counties. To inform people of our plans we ran newspaper ads and public service notices in pro-life newsletters and on two Christian radio stations serving North and Mid-Michigan. Most of those boarding in Ogemaw County were first-time marchers; and on the return trip a number of them indicated that "we need to have a full bus of our own next year." One man phoned from Midland, Michigan, on the following Monday to say that he had talked to three men in his area who now want to become involved in the needs of the unborn.

We arrived in Washington, D.C. around 7:00 a.m. After breakfast we stopped in the office of both Michigan Senators and then in the office of our U.S. Representatives. In each office we left a typed letter that I had written and signed the previous day. We were given the assurance that the letter would be read.

Unborn children are the issue. Also at issue is the dilemma of a young girl with an unwanted pregnancy. She is faced with the obligation of maintaining the life of her unborn baby. She needs all of the love and support you can give her. Hence, pro-life activity is not a once-a-year effort. it is an every day ministry of showing the love and understanding of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Consultation:

The N.R.A. Board voted to pursue plans for a Consultation on the subject "The Place of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Current Church-State Debate." In response to letters of inquiry, Geneva College (represented by John White and David Carson) agreed to join with the N.R.A. to be the hosts for a planning session for such a consultation. Letters were then sent to various men in the Reformed Community inviting them to participate in planning for the consultation. Those men who indicated that they would be available to meet were: Bill Barker, Carl Bogue, David Carson, William Edgar (sent a topic for a paper), Richard Gamble, James Skillen (sent a representative) Gary S. Smith, and John Whitehead (desigated a representative who could not come at the last moment).

The planning session met on the Geneva College campus on March 13th. This panel has set the dates of June 2-3, 1987 for this consultation. The location is to be in Western Pennsylvania. We will have more information available in the *Statesman*.

SMART:

These letters call our attention to the phrase, "Stop Marketing Alcohol on Radio and Television." The N.R.A. is seeking to work as closely as possible with "Project SMART." We think that this project makes sense in that it seeks to limit the advertisment of beverage alcohol. In the last Congress, Rep. John Seiberling (D-Ohio) introduced legislation (H.R. 2526) calling for *equal time* for alcohol broadcast counter-ads about the dangers and risks of alcohol use.

If you would like to be placed on the mailing list for further information, write to: PROJECT SMART, P.O. Box 19125, Washington, D.C. 20036. (Project SMART is a development of Center for Science in the Public Interest.)

Pornography:

The National Christian Association (P.O. Box 40945, Washington, D.C. 20016) has materials for display on outside billboards. These billboards are 10' X 22' (30 sheets) black, white and red that have a

picture and the words: "Pornography Victimizes Women and Children." Each billboard can have the name of a local organization or church (we would hope the N.R.A.) printed on the bottom in 12" letters and can include a phone number or address. The cost is $49 each. You will need to contact your local sign company (outdoor advertising) and ask about public service space or purchase the space from your local funds. Those interested can contact the N.R.A. or the above name and address.

Christian Statesman Subscriptions:

We urge and encourage each congregation to provide subscriptions for every family in the congregation. This would be a benefit to the N.R.A. and most of all your members as they read the excellent articles in each issue.

As you know we have a new editor, Dr. Howard Elliott. With your permission we would like to have Dr. Elliott address the Synod for five minutes.

M. L. McFarland

REPORT OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

At its Annual meeting in 1985, the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association adopted a revised Charter and amended the By-laws of the Association. The Board of Directors was reduced from fifteen to twelve members; each member will serve for a term of three years in rotating classes of four. The Annual Meeting was changed to the fourth Wednesday in March. These changes will be effective in 1986. The members of the Board of Directors and officers for 1985 were:

Faith M. Martin, President
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COMPUTER SYSTEM

In July the Home purchased a data processing and word processing system. The Administration has successfully transferred our payroll, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and general ledger to this system. The office staff is now using our word processing system. We hope by 1986 to have our mailing list and all mailings handled by our office.

PERSONNEL

We continue to be very pleased with the work of our administrator, Mr. Bill Weir, and his staff. In April 1985 Mr. Jim Neely resigned as our Director of Nursing and accepted a position as administrator of another nursing home. Mr. Neely joined the Home staff during the Building Program and was responsible for setting up our Nursing Unit. We are grateful for his work at that crucial time.

Mrs. Marjorie Russell was appointed Director of Nursing in April and has successfully led that department since that time. Because the Home provides high quality medical care with genuine Christian concern for the individual, its reputation within the Pittsburgh community is growing.

In January 1985 a new position, that of business Manager, was created and a long-time office worker, Mrs. Sandy Finnegan, was appointed to fill that position. She is responsible for the office and financial record keeping under the direction of Mr. Weir. Her appointment was timely for her work is much appreciated.

We recognize that we have a responsibility toward our employees to help them prepare for their retirement years, and to this end we have taken steps to initiate a pension program. Our goal is to have this plan in effect by March 1986. We are grateful to God for providing the Home with the financial stability sufficient to allow us to take this step.

ADMISSIONS

Our Nursing Unit remains full with a waiting list. Although Reformed Presbyterians have priority over others, it has been necessary to delay some admissions until space becomes available. We urge all pastors to advise Mr. Weir of a potential need and to counsel their members to seek admission before a situation reaches emergency stages.

We welcomed five new residents into the Residential Section in 1985: Mrs. Virginia Brenneisen, Mrs. Lucille Bruce, Miss Jean Grieger, Mr. Charles Meredith, and Mrs. Ida Weddell. (Dr. Harold Bruce and Mr. Alex Weddell entered the Nursing Unit.) At this time we have four 1957 rooms and three new rooms vacant.

BUDGET

Operating Expenses for 1985 were $1.8 million. This was met by our Operating Income ($1.4 million) and Non-operating ($.7 million) Revenues. Our Non-operating Revenue is comprised of donations, bequests, trust and investment income. We are deeply grateful to the Synod for its continued financial support of the Home. In 1985 the Home received $25,000 from the Reformed Presbyterian Mission and Ministry Program.

PUBLICITY

The Home sent three mailings this year: a donation report; an invitation to Donation Day; and a Thanksgiving card. The mailings were prepared with volunteer help from the College Hill, Geneva, Eastvale, First Beaver Falls, Allegheny, North Hills, and Covenant Fellowship congregations, along with volunteers from the Home residents, who willingly gave their time and labor.

Don McCrory, Editor of the *Covenanter Witness*, gave us the opportunity to feature the Home in six pages of the July issue along with a cover photograph.

We have a new slide-tape program available and would urge all congregations to take the opportunity to learn more about the working of the Home. Arrangements may be made by contacting Dr. G. M. Robb, care of the Home.

IN MEMORIAM

The Home was privileged to serve the following individuals before their deaths:

Fenton Farley	January 7, 1985
Mabel Latimer	January 9, 1985
Raymond Martin	January 16, 1985
Margaret Gallagher	February 14, 1985
Louise Robinsteen	February 23, 1985
Margaret McFetridge	May 11, 1985
Anna Ruth Wallace	May 13, 1985
Eva Clobus	June 3, 1985
Edwin Wanner	August 3, 1985
Ida Bess Williams	September 6, 1985
Ella Shankey	September 27, 1985
Charles Milligan	November 25, 1985
Lillie Reid	November 25, 1985
Selma McCleary	December 27, 1985

We provided a home and care to a total of 109 persons last year. We thank each one of you who have in some way contributed to this work. The Lord has prospered us, and we are grateful for the opportunity to be useful in His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Reformed Presbyterian
Woman's Association

AUDITORS' OPINION

To the Pension Trustees of the Synod of The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America:

We have examined the statements of net assets available for benefits of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America Employees' Restated Pension Plan as of December 31, 1985 and 1984 and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 1985 and 1984 and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

(signed) Deloitte Haskins & Sells
March 11, 1986

THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
RESTATED PENSION PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 1985 AND 1984

	1985	1984
ASSETS:		
Investments, at fair value	$ 993,585	$937,664
Receivable from employer	29,370	8,529
Accrued investment income receivable	7,025	
Cash	4,676	5,881
Total Assets	$1,034,656	$952,074
LIABILITIES - Prepaid employer contributions	25,113	43,907
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$1,009,543	$908,167

REPORT OF THE REFORMATION TRANSLATION FELLOWSHIP

The work of the Reformation Translation Fellowship has proceeded this past year with the regular publication of the *Reformed Faith and Life* quarterly, without missing, since its origin in 1949. There have been other publications also. One book that fills a great vacancy in the field of Chinese Christian literature, completed this year, is *The Millenium* by Loraine Boettner.

Doors of communication and exchange in the area of economics are

opening little by little with the Chinese mainland, with some easing of pressures on the Christian witness there, though in this matter there is an uneven picture. Still, those in touch with Christians who come and go to and from the mainland with a measure of suffrance, are cautiously optimistic for the future of the gospel witness prospect there.

We met with one real disappointment this year, in that arrangements for Dr. Luke Lu to become involved in R.T.F. translation, have not worked out. We continue to pray, and to trust God that, as He has imparted the gift of faith to the founders, and the love and faithfulness of those who have contributed to the support of the work over the years, He will continue to bless and provide.

If there are those in the Reformed Presbyterian Church who are particularly interested in the establishing and strengthening of Christ's church in this great field of a billion souls — and we know there are many — we ask that you make yourself known to the Board. Many of us on the Board are needing to see younger Christians expressing their interest and desire to carry on this ministry. With more than 70 titles in print, many of them of basic Christian truth, there will be a growing and continuing demand, and with a growing company of Chinese believers, hungry for meat and drink for their souls, who knows? Possibly we are on the brink of a great harvest time.

We as a Church need to be obedient in carrying the Word where God sets the opportunity before us. We want to express our great appreciation that Charles Chao has been on salary from the Foreign Mission Board these past few years. We must report that Chaplain Stan Copeland, Secretary of our Board, has been sent to Manheim, West Germany, for three years.

Thanks be to our God for His blessing on the RTF and for the privilege of being a part of it.

Lester E. Kilpatrick
American Representative and Treasurer

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"I do bequeath to the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America the following:

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If one wishes, he may specify where he desires the bequest to go. In making out a will, it is advisable to get legal advice.

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Clerk: George F. Masson, Jr., 731 S. Marion Avenue, Washington, IA 52353. Phone: 319-653-4352
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Hays—1115 Cody Avenue, Hays, KS 67601. Phone: 913-625-7144
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Treasurer: Dight House, McCracken, KS 67556. Phone: 913-394-2506

Hebron—(1328 Goodin Drive), R.3, Clay Center, KS 67432. Phone: 913-632-5861
Pastor: J. Bruce Martin, 813 Crawford, Clay Center, KS 67432. Phone: 913-632-2458. Installed 1976
Clerk: Russell James, R.5, Clay Center, KS 67432. Phone: 913-632-5016
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Treasurer: Mrs. Russell (Betty) James, R.5, Clay Center, KS 67432. Phone: 913-632-5016
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Quinter—721 Gove Street, Quinter, KS 67752. Phone: 913-754-3406
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WOMEN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS-COMBINED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 5, 1986

	BALANCE 1/5/85	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE-MENTS	BALANCE 1/5/86
Contingent Fund	$1,075.65	$ 875.37	$ 1,056.31	$. 894.71
Life & Memorial Fund	2,615.53	345.23	-0-	2,960.76
Thankoffering Fund	-0-	26,749.77	26,749.77	-0-
Special Projects Fund	38.79	1,852.00	1,873.03	17.76
Designated Funds	.90	7,734.55	7,784.55	(-49.10)
	$3,730.87	**$37,556.92**	**$37,463.66**	**$3,824.13**

BANK ACCOUNTS

Concord-Liberty Savings & Loan Assoc.-**Checking**	$2,070.13	$37,461.69	$37,463.66	$2,068.16
Concord-Liberty Savings & Loan Assoc.--**Savings**	$1,660.74	$95.23	-0-	$1,755.97
	$3,730.87	**$37,556.92**	**$37,463.66**	**$3,824.13**

RECEIPTS

Iowa Presbyterial	$ 2,048.20
Midwest Presbyterial	10,614.20
New York Presbyterial	6,504.90
Ohio-Illinois Presbyterial	8,276.66
Pacific Coast Presbyterial	1,970.00
Pittsburgh Presbyterial	7,151.86
Miscellaneous Contributions	587.01
Interest on Checking Account	308.86
Interest on Savings Account	95.23
	$37,556.92

"I have checked these records and find the balance of $2,070.13 in the checking account as of 1/5/85 to be correct."

Eve B. Hays
3/7/86

DISBURSEMENTS

Contingent Fund		
NAE Fellowship	$ 100.00	
Synodical Handbook Expense	678.00	
Officers & Superintendents Expense	213.96	
Treasurer's Bond	40.00	
Missionaries' Gifts	24.35	**$1,056.31**
Thankoffering Fund		
Home Missions	8,916.59	
Foreign Missions	17,833.18	**$26,749.77**
Special Projects Fund		
St. Lawrence Presbytery	$ 1,200	
R.P. Home Residents Personal Fund	550.00	
Air Mail Postage	123.03	**$1,873.03**
Designated Funds		
Home Missions	$ 782.75	
Foreign Missions	130.00	
Japan	1,548.20	
Geneva College	1,187.00	
R.P. Seminary	1,324.50	
R.P. Home	693.00	
National Reform Association	630.10	
Reformation Translation Fellowship	1,079.00	
Synod's Budget	105.00	
Rev. Ray Joseph	30.00	
Christian Nat'l Evangelicals	25.00	
Chicago	40.00	
Columbus	15.00	
Colorado Springs	20.00	
Selma	20.00	
State College	20.00	
Delores Cook	25.00	
Endwell Fellowship	25.00	
Orlena Lynn	25.00	
John McMillan	10.00	
Randy VanOsdal	50.00	**$7,784.55**
Total Disbursements		**$37,463.66**

Mrs. Willard Hemphill
Treasurer

	TotalMem 12/31/84	TotalMem 12/31/85	Com. Mem.	Baptized	BapChild/ Prof	By Faith	By Baptism	Prof. of Faith	From RP Churches	From Other Den.	Other	Total
Alleghenies:												
Allegheny	59	59	50	9							2	2
College Hill	228	207	147	60		2	1	3	5			11
Cov. Fellowship	188	201	122	79	1	4	1	13	8			26
Eastvale	81	77	64	13			2		1			3
1st Beaver Falls	128	121	95	26	1						1	1
Geneva	140	132	111	21	5	1	2					3
Manchester	65	50	35	15		1	3	1	6			11
New Alexandria	60	64	48	16							6	6
New Castle	22	0										0
New Cov. Ref. Fel.	57	61	40	21		3	1		1			5
North Hills	102	98	78	20	4	1	2	1	1			5
Rimersburg	71	69	52	17			2					2
Rose Point	92	107	81	26		1	1				14	16
Tusca Area	57	62	36	26	1		1	4				5
Ministerial Members	33	31	31								1	1
Presbytery's Roll	0	8	8								22	22
	1,383	1,347	998	349	12	13	16	22	22	46	119	
Iowa:												
Marion	42	41	27	14								0
Sharon	111	105	87	18		2		2			4	8
Washington	116	93	60	33		3						3
Ministerial Members	3	3	3									0
Presbytery's Roll	3	3	3									0
	269	245	180	65	0	5	0	2	0	4	11	
Midwest:												
Aurora	41	37	19	18		2						2
Clarinda	57	43	34	9		1		1				2
Colorado Springs	23	22	16	6	1			1				1
Denison	109	109	77	32		1						1
Greeley	58	55	54	1								0
Hays	42	39	27	12					2			2
Hebron	65	69	52	17	3	3	1		1			5
Lawrence	86	88	53	35		3	1	2			4	10
Minneola	41	42	32	10				3				3
Quinter	88	93	68	25		3			3			6
Shawnee	146	143	100	43		3						3
Sterling	99	102	77	25	2	1		2	6			9
Superior-Beulah	44	42	35	7								0
Topeka	142	129	115	14					1			1
Westminster	66	66	40	26		1	1					2
Winchester	76	75	57	18								0
												0
Ministerial Members	34	33	33					1				1
Presbytery's Roll	12	12	9	3								0
	1,229	1,199	898	301	6	18	3	10	13	4	48	

Deaths	To RP Churches	To Other Den.	Final Removal	Other	Total	Elders	Deacons	Average Attend. Worship	Sab. Sch.	CYPU	Parsonage
		2			2	4	9	65	43		N
2	1	20	9		32	11	15	200	120	14	Y
	8	4		1	13	9	8	125	110		N
		7			7	4	6	70	43		Y
1	4	1	2		8	6	11	62	33	4	Y
1	4	5		1	11	9	8	140	90	10	N
1	1		24		26	3	4	40	25		Y
				2	2	3	0	42	27	12	Y
				22	22						
	1				1	3	2	52	30		N
	6	3			9	5	7	75	60	9	Y
	3	1			4	4					Y
		1			1	6	6	73	45	3	Y
					0	3	1	51	44	8	N
				3	3						
	14				14						
5	42	44	35	29	155	70	77	995	670	60	8
		1			1	3	2	19			Y
4	3		7		14	8	6	72	32	3	Y
			19	1	20	4	0	58	42	15	N
					0						
					0						
4	3	1	26	1	35	15	8	149	74	18	2
		6			6	2	1	30	30		Y
2		13		1	16	3	3	32	28		N
			1	1	2	1	1	19	19		N
		1			1	6	7	70	64	8	Y
2		1			3	6	4	28	22		Y
	2	1		2	5	2	3	37	31		N
1					1	5	4	50	45		N
	6	2			8	5	3	80	75		N
1	1				2	3	3	27	20	2	Y
				1	1	5	4	62	51	7	Y
1		2	2	1	6	7	6	105	90	5	N
		6			6	5	5	71	53	6	N
2					2	3	4	18	14		Y
	2		12		14	8	8	117	76	5	Y
	1	1			2	2	2	54	54	9	N
		1			1	7	6	57	42	4	Y
					0						
1	1				2						
					0						
10	13	34	15	6	78	70	64	857	714	46	8

Balance 12/31/84	Sup. Aid Presby.	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Other RPM & M	RP Works	Other	Total Disb.	Balance 12/31/85	Other Assets	Pastor's Sal-'86
231	0	37,687	37,687	20,300	1,729	1,375	13,691	37,095	823	29,350	21,200
7,234		105,545	105,545	25,933	6,474	13,098	55,305	100,810	11,969	10,701	26,000
6,860		111,521	111,521	38,577	11,575	9,106	53,015	112,273	6,108	32,592	33,000
1,951		37,655	37,655	17,200	1,054	1,652	15,415	35,321	4,285	5,502	17,900
1,696		57,348	57,348	22,235	8,339	4,904	21,943	57,421	1,623	37,339	22,585
6,920		76,765	76,765	8,002	8,676	10,575	52,512	79,765	3,920	45,743	22,000
1,218		32,333	32,333	18,400	548	1,214	11,473	31,635	1,916	50,131	
9,837		26,767	26,767	15,026	607	1,200	9,641	26,474	10,130	86,981	20,000
36,757		0	0	4,878		19,127	12,752	36,757	0		
2,407	19,065	19,995	39,060	26,955	660	720	11,821	40,156	1,311	2,407	28,300
(42)		81,490	81,490	24,499	8,020	3,868	43,922	80,309	1,139	437,869	26,450
			0					0	0		
3,180		67,340	67,340	20,698	6,000	14,954	7,690	49,342	21,178	1,206	21,550
8,806		20,529	20,529	16,744		310	11,383	28,437	898		18,500
87,055	19,065	674,975	694,040	259,447	53,682	82,103	320,563	715,795	65,300	739,821	257,485
10,305		26,291	26,291	13,357	1,000	616	9,209	24,182	12,414	21,791	12,400
2,235		40,313	40,313	6,284	12,771	2,514	16,680	38,249	4,299		18,500
1,595		31,199	31,199	19,816	0	4,241	5,839	29,896	2,898	14,598	19,800
14,135	0	97,803	97,803	39,457	13,771	7,371	31,728	92,327	19,611	36,389	50,700
7,536		46,355	46,355	18,672	3,533	555	27,938	50,698	3,193		19,000
2,084		22,314	22,314	14,568	732	1,157	6,019	22,476	1,922	7,215	3,879
1,011	6,000	14,770	20,770	6,171	250	459	5,959	12,839	8,942	1,175	16,500
6,131		36,519	36,519	18,377	4,852	2,058	14,191	39,478	3,172	18,907	15,650
1,055		35,027	35,027	16,288	1,470	4,609	12,185	34,552	1,530	35,319	17,000
658	2,000	28,400	30,400	23,257	770	1,229	4,753	30,009	1,049	3,243	22,360
2,796		42,026	42,026	17,300	6,002	2,499	15,745	41,546	3,276	14,306	17,300
493		43,705	43,705	21,843	200	2,996	18,073	43,112	1,086	2,512	24,243
2,652		70,385	70,385	16,000	775	3,681	50,030	70,486	2,551	39,773	18,400
570		33,532	33,532	20,504	398	1,840	8,700	31,442	2,660		21,700
2,039		114,445	114,445	27,010	20,000	11,918	55,226	114,154	2,330	100,308	27,976
39,779		59,160	59,160	25,300	10,025	2,037	32,258	69,620	29,319	30,000	25,500
859	800	14,406	15,206	7,663	55	981	6,516	15,215	850	1,204	7,800
51,863		84,744	84,744	25,617	23,419	4,169	32,772	85,977	50,630		26,400
805		41,613	41,613	25,859		498	15,506	41,863	555		25,859
1,802		38,110	38,110	19,803	3,854	2,153	13,736	39,546	366	10,252	20,800
122,133	8,800	725,511	734,311	304,232	76,335	42,839	319,607	743,013	113,431	264,214	310,367

	Total Mem 12/31/84	Total Mem 12/31/85	Com. Mem.	Bap. Prof	Child/ Faith	By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From RP Churches	From Other Den.	Other	Total
New York:											
Broomall	44	48	39	9	1		2	1	5		8
Cambridge	47	49	37	12		3	4				7
Coldenham-Newburgh	111	114	83	31	1	1	5	1		1	8
Elkins Park	39	35	30	5		1					1
Ridgefield Park	68	62	56	6				1			1
White Lake	68	65	41	24		1	3			3	7
Ministerial Members	6	7	7					1			1
Presbytery's Roll	8	8	8								0
	391	388	301	87	2	6	14	4	5	4	33
Ohio-Illinois:											
Belle Center	36	41	29	12		1		7		2	10
Bloomington	84	84	71	13	1	1	2				3
Columbus	52	44	33	11							0
C.F. Indpls.	15	10	9	1							0
Hetherton	30	23	20	3			1				1
Oakdale	50	48	43	5							0
Ogemaw	30	35	33	2	4		4		1		5
Orlando	146	132	99	33	3		5	3			8
Second Indpls.	140	114	88	26		2	5				7
Selma	72	78	54	24		4			3		7
Southfield	36	40	33	7				3		1	4
Southside Indpls.	80	97	56	41	5	14	8	4			26
Sparta	58	58	41	17		1					1
West Lafayette	80	73	49	24		3	3				6
Chicago M.S.	7	3	3								0
Ministerial Members	23	25	25					2		2	4
Presbytery's Roll	5	5	1	4							0
	944	910	687	223	13	26	28	19	4	5	82
Pacific Coast:											
Anchorage	24	25	9	16		1					1
Fresno	64	60	46	14		1					1
Los Angeles	61	57	54	3				3	1		4
Phoenix	100	101	59	42	2	4	5		1		10
San Diego	32	33	23	10		1		1			2
Santa Ana	33	33	27	6							0
Seattle	90	89	53	36		4	2				6
Ministerial Members	9	8	8								0
Presbytery's Roll	2	2	2								0
	415	408	281	127	2	11	7	4	2	0	24

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1			2	1	4	3	3	45	22		Y
	3	2			5	4	2	35	18		Y
1			4		5	6	3	90	65	6	Y
	2	1	2		5	3	4	25	14		Y
			7	0	7	3	3	25	15		N
1	0	3	0	6	10	1	3	39	26	6	N
					0						
					0						
3	5	6	15	7	36	20	18	259	160	12	4
2	3				5	3	2	37	29	10	Y
3					3	5	7	59	32	5	Y
		8			8	1	2	44	30		N
		5			5	2	0	15	15		N
	8				8	2	3	20	14		Y
1		1			2	3	2	31	29		Y
					0	2	2	34	24		N
1		7		14	22	5	6	115	80	18	N
		13	3	17	33	9	6	100	90		N
1					1	2	6	57	27	7	Y
					0	4	3	30	25		Y
		8		1	9	4	3	111	107		N
1					1	7	2	45	45	8	Y
1	4	3		5	13	3	0	75	65		N
		4			4			11			N
				2	2						
					0						
10	15	49	3	39	116	52	44	784	612	48	7
					0	1	1				N
		5			5	3	5	33	30	10	Y
2		3	3		8	3	5	43	28		N
	2		4	3	9	2	3	105	70		N
			1		1	1	1	30	20		N
					0	2	2	24	16		N
1		5		1	7	5	4	82	65		Y
		1			1						
					0						
3	2	14	8	4	31	17	21	317	229	10	2

Balance 12/31/84	Sup. Aid Presby.	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Other RPM & M	RP Works	Other	Total Disb.	Balance 12/31/85	Other Assets	Pastor's Sal-'86
16,505		56,207	56,207	8,729	8,500	7,315	28,864	53,408	19,304	14,404	9,500
1,293		46,186	46,186	4,624	2,294	3,643	31,031	41,592	5,887	8,163	18,900
27,954		49,601	49,601	23,083	4,465	4,430	22,580	54,558	22,997	161,405	25,583
6,223		27,027	27,027	17,241	594	3,363	11,127	32,325	925	16,090	17,741
(12,183)		36,668	36,668	16,101	3,000	1,120	21,463	41,684	(17,199)	130,000	30,000
4,967	6,782	22,827	29,609	19,700	1,425	1,490	7,090	29,705	4,871	5,686	20,550
44,759	6,782	238,516	245,298	89,478	20,278	21,361	122,155	253,272	36,785	335,748	122,274
20,556		26,178	26,178	13,418	4,170	1,668	4,066	23,322	23,412	10,002	13,418
4,825		51,234	51,234	18,650	5,865	4,338	25,801	54,654	1,405	16,959	19,600
2,799	3,000	44,155	47,155	25,764	2,000	1,596	18,227	47,587	2,367	2,703	26,990
10		13,732	13,732	11,113	25	480	2,131	13,749	(7)		12,492
2,982	1,458	16,803	18,261	12,156	1,539	528	3,914	18,137	3,106		
1,800		63,044	63,044	13,089	274	4,881	42,197	60,441	4,403		12,800
(932)		21,251	21,251	17,120		821	2,655	20,596	(277)	1,075	18,050
19,416		96,355	96,355	30,380	8,330	5,482	58,103	102,295	13,476		31,800
1,664		113,630	113,630	28,223	7,720	3,440	73,163	112,546	2,748	46,774	29,250
1,349		35,556	35,556	17,152	276	936	16,741	35,105	1,800	9,896	17,785
44,993		35,978	35,978	20,190	762	1,655	7,383	29,990	50,981	10,000	
4,231		80,584	80,584	28,026	5,322	2,328	38,431	74,107	10,708	6,965	30,576
20,011		43,098	43,098	19,578	4,183	1,557	11,399	36,717	26,392		20,600
7,452	1,200	30,407	31,607	19,740	360	1,866	12,095	34,061	4,998	2,209	20,740
2,131		88,142	88,142	16,401		90	5,745	22,236	68,037		28,116
133,287	5,658	760,147	765,805	291,000	40,826	31,666	322,051	685,543	213,549	106,583	282,217
1,252	10,250	24,600	34,850	27,640	250	225	5,022	33,137	2,965		26,250
4,730		29,829	29,829	8,160	750	3,950	11,619	24,479	10,080	469	8,160
10,431		58,444	58,444	24,476	6,685	7,414	15,785	54,360	14,515	31,522	26,476
1,680		71,625	71,625	27,803	4,000	1,480	37,733	71,016	2,289	4,494	32,050
2,750		34,128	34,128	23,150	44	1,160	9,303	33,657	3,221		23,907
100		17,965	17,965	11,422	1,175	1,018	3,941	17,556	509	198,106	11,600
1,355		142,411	142,411	26,899	3,000	3,635	20,196	53,730	90,036		28,100
22,298	10,250	379,002	389,252	149,550	15,904	18,882	103,599	287,935	123,615	234,591	156,543

	Total Mem 12/31/84	Total Mem 12/31/85	Com. Mem.	Baptized	Bap Child/ Prof	By Faith	By Baptism	Prof. of Faith	From RP Churches	From Other Den.	Other	Total
St. Lawrence:												
Almonte	61	65	51	14	1	2	3					5
Endwell	0	25	14	11		2			23			25
Lisbon	35	37	31	6	1	1			1			2
Lochiel	20	18	13	5		1						1
Oswego	21	24	17	7	2	1	3					4
Ottawa	59	68	50	18	3	5	6			1		12
Rochester	11	8	6	2								0
Syracuse	107	111	75	36		14	8					22
Walton	111	90	71	19		1				1		2
Ministerial Members	14	12	12									0
Presbytery's Roll												0
	439	458	340	118	7	27	20	24	2	0		73
HOME FIELD TOTALS	5,070	4,955	3,685	1,270	42	106	[illegible]	85	48	63		390
JAPAN COMMISSION												
Highashisuma	63	67	47	20	4	4						4
Keiyaku	66	69	40	29		1				2		3
Kasumigaoka	39	39	23	16			1					1
Mukonosou,MS	11	11	9	2								0
Kitasuzu,MS		0										0
kasuganomichi		0										0
Ministerial Members	3	4	4							1		1
Total Japan	182	190	123	67	4	5	1	0	3	0		9
Alleghenies	1,383	1,347	998	349	12	13	16	22	22	46		119
Iowa	269	245	180	65	0	5	0	2	0	4		11
Midwest	1,229	1,199	898	301	6	18	3	10	13	4		48
New York	391	388	301	87	2	6	14	4	5	4		33
Ohio-Illinois	944	910	687	223	13	26	28	19	4	5		82
Pacific Coast	415	408	281	127	2	11	7	4	2	0		24
St. Lawrence	439	458	340	118	7	27	20	24	2	0		73
Total Home Field	5,070	4,955	3,685	1,270	42	106	88	85	48	63		390
Japan Commission	182	190	123	67	4	5	1	0	3	0		9
GRAND TOTAL	5,252	5,145	3,808	1,337	46	111	89	85	51	63		399

Deaths	To RP Churches	To Other	Den.	Final Removal	Other	Total	Elders	Deacons	Average Attend. Worship	Sab. Sch.	CYPU	Parsonage
				1		1	3	4	44	29	6	Y
						0	2	2	32	30		N
						0	2	2	46	30	4	Y
	3					3	3	0	15	15		Y
					1	1	1	1	40	30		N
		3				3	2	1	65	55		N
		3				3	1	0	13	14		N
		2			16	18	4	5	120	90	10	Y
2	21					23	5	6	66	44	7	Y
	1	1				2						
						0						
2	25	9		1	17	54	23	21	441	337	27	5
37	105	157		103	103	505	267	253	3,802	2,796	221	
						0	4	5	52	26	7	Y
							2	2	34	21	6	Y
					1	1	2		27	15	4	Y
									17	20	3	Y
									16	20		Y
0	0	0		0	1	1	8	7	146	102	20	5
5	42	44		35	29	155	70	77	995	670	60	8
4	3	1		26	1	35	15	8	149	74	18	2
10	13	34		15	6	78	70	64	857	714	46	8
3	5	6		15	7	36	20	18	259	160	12	4
10	15	49		3	39	116	52	44	784	612	48	7
3	2	14		8	4	31	17	21	317	229	10	2
2	25	9		1	17	54	23	21	441	337	27	5
37	105	157		103	103	505	267	253	3,802	2,796	221	36
0	0	0		0	1	1	8	7	146	102	20	5
37	105	157		103	104	506	275	260	3,948	2,898	241	41

Balance 12/31/84	Sup. Aid Presby.	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Other RPM & M	RP Works	Other	Total Disb.	Balance 12/31/85	Other Assets	Pastor's Sal-'86
16,222		50,977	50,977	18,300	4,149	3,908	27,832	54,189	13,010		19,000
2,367	13,500	22,990	36,490	21,523	350	1,169	11,835	34,877	3,980	4,505	22,323
8,401		17,055	17,055	5,595	682	1,021	2,527	9,825	15,631	3,070	
1,443	7,611	8,612	16,223	5,896		1,532	4,951	12,379	5,287		
2,977	10,739	25,287	36,026	23,075	200	456	11,349	35,080	3,923	4,080	23,025
5,039	331	60,255	60,586	33,500		9,201	12,826	55,527	10,098		35,845
3,597	9,569	9,181	18,750	15,090	110	306	3,711	19,217	3,130		20,000
5,082		86,358	86,358	34,200	3,250	16,413	37,374	91,237	203		21,200
3,820		48,030	48,030	18,770	8,035	7,856	11,678	46,339	5,511	3,587	21,135
48,948	41,750	328,745	370,495	175,949	16,776	41,862	124,083	358,670	60,773	15,242	162,528
472,615	92,305	3,204,699	3,297,004	1,309,113	237,572	246,084	1,343,786	3,136,555	633,064	1,732,588	1,342,114
1,238		29,054	29,054	21,368		1,422	6,402	29,192	1,100		22,080
0		16,197	16,197	10,287		638	5,244	16,169	28	8,940	10,553
0		13,603	13,603	9,446		283	3,874	13,603	0		
1,803	587	4,338	4,925			179	6,121	6,300	428	34,145	
665	860	3,455	4,315			2,553	1,917	4,470	510	3,404	
	319	211	530				187	187	343		
3,706	1,766	66,858	68,624	41,101	0	5,075	23,745	69,921	2,409	46,489	32,633
87,055	19,065	674,975	694,040	259,447	53,682	82,103	320,563	715,795	65,300	739,821	257,485
14,135	0	97,803	97,803	39,457	13,771	7,371	31,728	92,327	19,611	36,389	50,700
122,133	8,800	725,511	734,311	304,232	76,335	42,839	319,607	743,013	113,431	264,214	310,367
44,759	6,782	238,516	245,298	89,478	20,278	21,361	122,155	253,272	36,785	335,748	122,274
133,287	5,658	760,147	765,805	291,000	40,826	31,666	322,051	685,543	213,549	106,583	282,217
22,298	10,250	379,002	389,252	149,550	15,904	18,882	103,599	287,935	123,615	234,591	156,543
48,948	41,750	328,745	370,495	175,949	16,776	41,862	124,083	358,670	60,773	15,242	162,528
472,615	92,305	3,204,699	3,297,004	1,309,113	237,572	246,084	1,343,786	3,136,555	633,064	1,732,588	1,342,114
3,706	1,766	66,858	68,624	41,101	0	5,075	23,745	69,921	2,409	46,489	32,633
476,321	94,071	3,271,557	3,365,628	1,350,214	237,572	251,159	1,367,531	3,206,476	635,473	1,779,077	1,374,747

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